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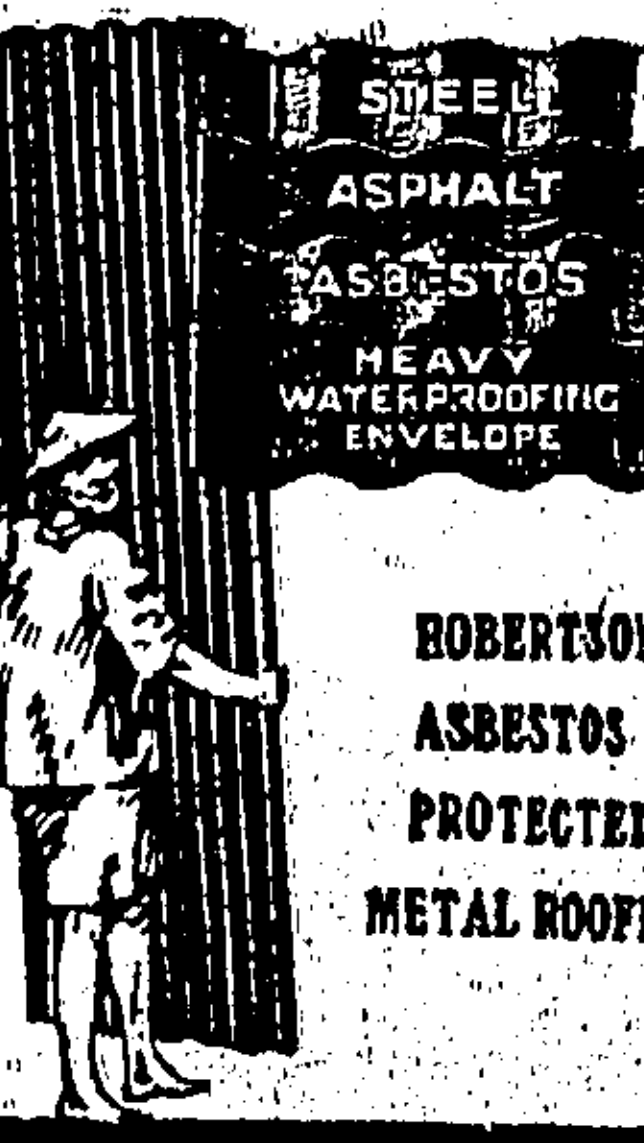
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A NAVAL RESERVE?

WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S
SPEECH MEANS.

SCHEME IN EMBRYO.

ADMIRALTY TO OFFER ALL
HELP.

Since the Imperial Defence Committee met to consider how Colonies and Dominions might take a greater share in the support of a burden which was growing increasingly heavy on the Home taxpayers—the maintenance of naval vessels and personnel—the respective Colonial and Dominion Governments have considered and in some cases shown by action, the part they are prepared to take.

The Hongkong authorities have for some time past been considering how best Hongkong may show its willingness to shoulder a part of the cost of Imperial defence. The Colony is hardly in a position to build ships or make very large contributions but it was thought that the formation locally of a Royal Naval Voluntary Reserve would, at the same time give local people the chance of showing their willingness to help in this direction and of making a very substantial contribution to the naval defence.

Preliminary investigations as to the lines such organisation might take have been made, and if it had not been for pressure of extra work necessitated by the unrest in the North and South China, a definite scheme would have been evolved before this. A public announcement on the matter is, however, expected to be made ere long.

The "China Mail" is in a position to state that the Admiralty, once the organisation had progressed sufficiently, would consider the making over to the Reserve of one, if not two, mine laying sloops, for the maintenance of which (this, presumably, would be shouldered by the local Government). The Admiralty would also consider the lending of a nucleus crew for the voluntary naval men to work with and the payment of these in all probability would not be laid on the new organisation.

The duties which the Reserve will be called upon to perform will not be arduous, neither is previous experience absolutely necessary; in fact, a certain number of specialised jobs will not require special knowledge at all, such as wireless and signal work. The idea will be, also, to arrange the duties similarly to those in connection with the Volunteers, in order that business may be interfered with as little as possible. Patrol work and (in case of war) mine sweeping or mine-laying would be among the matters which such a corps would be able to attend to. In cases of emergency such as arose a short time back, the naval reserve would be invaluable in the maintenance of communication between the island and the mainland and other special work. The organisation would be under naval discipline.

That the organisation of such a Reserve is practicable has been proved elsewhere. In Singapore, a unit consisting of over 50 men was formed almost immediately the scheme was announced and numbers are growing. In Ceylon, a similar scheme is in working operation. Hongkong, as His Excellency the Governor remarked, as one of the most important outposts of the Empire, is dependent for its prosperity on the maintenance of its shipping connections. The formation of a Reserve for its protection would not only be a gesture to the Home Government but a very practical contribution to the problem of Imperial Defence. It may safely be said that once the appeal is launched there will be no lack of volunteers.

Some of the accused, however, had not been formally recognised as being of the pirate party, but the French police were quite satisfied that they were all of a disreputable character—that they took passage by the "Tungchow" at the same time, and that they all came from the same place, and are all natives of Wei-Teen—a notorious pirate nest.

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/4 7/16.

"TUNGCHOW" PIRACY

FOUR PIRATES RECOGNISED
BY CHIEF OFFICER.

DEATH PENALTY DEMANDED.

Our readers will probably remember the sensation which was caused when it was known that a British steamer, the s.s. "Tungchow" belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was seized by Chinese pirates while on a voyage from Shanghai to Tientsin via Weihaiwei. An enquiry was duly held in the British Admiralty Court, the Shanghai, which elicited the fact that the pirates had knowledge of a shipment of opium, and because of this knowledge the ship was suddenly seized by a number of Chinese men; disguised as peaceful passengers, and, in the ensuing confusion of capture, the Captain—Captain W. McIntosh—was shot in the groin, and, we understand, is still under treatment in Hongkong at the Peak Hospital.

Very vigilant watch and enquiries have been made by the police of all nationalities in all Chinese ports, and especial regard has been given to passengers entering into and seeking to go from Shanghai, with the result that as a climax to the above outlined piracy, eight Chinese were on February 5, arraigned before the French Mixed Court, Shanghai, charged with "being persons suspected of piracy on the high seas."

Before the French Vice-Consul (sitting as Assessor), Mons. R. Tulane, and Chinese Magistrate Mr. Nish, eight disreputable-looking Chinese stood in a careless and nonchalant attitude to listen to the formidable charge, which, if proved, might deprive them not only of liberty for an extended period, but of life itself. To an impartial observer, they did look a sorry lot, with scowling brows, narrow foreheads, and a cut-throat air, which made one recognize the straits in which the Officers and crew of the ill-fated "Tungchow" were placed on that eventful of December 18, 1925.

The eight men in question who gave their names as Wong Pei-pah, Ho Sia, Wang Foh, Zeng Mei, Ling Cheng, Zeng Zeng-chang, Wang Fie, and Chang Gwi-sai stood in front of the judges, and in answer to the usual question said that they "knew nothing about it, or why they were arrested."

Mr. du Pac de Marsouilles, appeared to prosecute on behalf of the owners of the s.s. "Tungchow," Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, in conjunction with the French Municipal police, but the prisoners were unrepresented, and, virtually made no defence, except that of an absolute denial.

Counsel, for the prosecution, outlining the case against the alleged pirates stated that they were arrested on the s.s. "Soochow" when she arrived on January 14, 1926, at the Quai de France, from Hongkong. The arrests were made on certain information given to the French police to the effect that a number of passengers who were recognised as being bandits who helped to capture the s.s. "Tungchow" were on board. Many telegrams and messages and enquiries were exchanged and made with the result that the French police boarded the s.s. "Soochow" on her arrival here, and the arrests were made.

Giving evidence, Chief Officer Mr. J. R. Nisbet, of the "Tungchow," formally recognised four of the alleged pirates as being those who helped to seize the s.s. "Tungchow," and in this recognition the Second Officer, Mr. Scott, concurred. Others were recognised by some passengers who had travelled by the "Tungchow" and got off at Tientsin, where they had seen the photos of the accused which had been distributed broadcast by the French authorities. Their evidence was taken in Tientsin on oath, and after all formalities had been fulfilled, their evidence had been sent to Shanghai, and accepted by the Court.

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SINGAPORE BANK SENSATION
RECALLED.

ARRESTS AFTER FOUR YEARS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Monday.
Three Tamils have been arrested in connection with the theft of \$350,000 in cash and jewellery from the Banque Indo-Chine in 1922. The sum of \$11,000 has been recovered.

RIFLE MEET.

APRIL 4 AND 5 FIXED FOR
VOLUNTEERS.

INTERESTING EVENTS.

April 4 and 5 are the dates fixed for an annual event in which considerable interest is always taken—the rifle meeting of the Hongkong Volunteers' Defence Corps. This is to take place at Stonecutters this year.

For this purpose, the Corps is divided into 16 units which are allowed to enter teams, the Artillery Company forming one; the Engineers Field section another; Engineers Signal section; Engineers Light section; Mounted Infantry-mounted section; Armourer's section; and the Infantry, the separate platoons of Infantry, the others.

The competitions will be for the Blake Shield, the Francis Cup, musketry competition open to all members of the Corps; Tyro competition, open to all members who did not secure 65 points in part two course; the Jar Competition; the competition, Corps championship (at various ranges); Reserve Challenge Cup; Revolver competition, open, and for Volunteers only; for which competitors will be required to provide their own ammunition.

The most interesting event will be the attack competition, in which advances will be made by the various teams entered of from 100 to 400 yards, five rounds being fired at silhouette targets appearing for 45 seconds at each stop.

The only change from previous years is that there is no all comers' competition and that uniform will be compulsory.

Entries are to be in by March 20.

CITY EXCITEMENT.

ALLEGED ATTACK WITH
A KNIFE.

The blowing of police whistles inside the Victoria Café, in Des Vaux Road Central, drew a large crowd on the roadway shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

A squad of police headed by a European Sergeant forced their way into the premises and took to the station a Chinese waiter who is alleged to have threatened a European with a knife. No other evidence of the incident could be gathered, than that of the complainant and his wife, who were dining together inside the ladies' room.

The whistles, it may be added, were blown by a man in the shop who feared the European was attempting to get away without paying for his meal.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill, the honorary secretary, has kindly forwarded to the "China Mail" copies of the draw for the open singles, open doubles and club championship, in the annual H.K.C.C. tennis tournament. Such will be explained in to-morrow's sport page.

Mr. du Pac addressed the Court and demanded that Art. 374 of the Chinese Penal Code (which calls for the death penalty) should be imposed upon the first four accused, or that, in the alternative, the least sentence which could be given should be imprisonment for life. With regard to the remaining four, who had not been recognised sufficiently as being implicated in the "Tungchow" piracy, to ensure their conviction, he demanded that they should be handed over to the Chinese authorities, enquiries into their antecedents could be made, and, if found guilty, they could be sentenced to death.

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ALLEGED FRAUD.

CHARGES AGAINST THREE
CHINESE.

BAIL DISALLOWED.

THE CASE AGAINST THREE CHINESE, Au Kim-lui, Fok Cheung-yuen and Lam Fuk-chiu, charged with an alleged conspiracy to defraud, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The charge was that on certain dates between April and August 1923 the defendants conspired together to defraud the Wing On Company, Ltd. of \$50,000, and \$668 interest thereon, by a false representation that the Company were indebted in those sums to a firm styled Kwong Cheong, and by the production of such false representation as a forged deposit book.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny, and Bowley) prosecuted. Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the first defendant, and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton for the others.

Mr. Jenkin asked leave to amend the original charge and add five other charges. He said that he had nine witnesses for the prosecution.

Mr. Brutton said this was a case which arose in 1923 and it was not until 32 months later that it was thought fit to institute criminal proceedings. He considered it was time for him (Mr. Brutton) to start his investigations. The Wing On Company, he said, had been faced with the option of paying out \$50,000 or institute criminal proceedings, and they had chosen the latter.

Mr. Jenkin remarked this was a matter for a jury to decide. A lengthy argument ensued on the question of bail, Mr. Brutton claiming that the charges against the defendants had not been specifically stated and until that had been done they were entitled to consideration. His Worship, however, refused to allow bail. The case was adjourned until Tuesday afternoon.

SHIPS ASHORE.

"ALTAI MARU" STILL ON
GROUND.

B. & S. STEAMERS.

No further news is to hand regarding the China Navigation steamer "Hunan" and "Kweiyang" which, as reported yesterday, are ashore close to each other, at the western end of the Hainan Straits.

The "Kweiyang," as was stated in yesterday's report, drifted shorewards with the tide, when attempting to draw off the "Hunan." The Taikeo tug, lighters and coolies have been dispatched to the scene (roughly 300 miles from Hongkong and about 24 hours distant by normal coasting steamer). The s.s. "Taming" of the same company is to assist in taking off cargo and she will pass on stores to the distressed ships.

Prevent Heeling Over? It will be necessary to unload the bunker coal in the O.S.K. steamer "Altai Maru" (ashore in the Fu Tau Mun Pass, outside the harbour's eastern entrance) before she can be refloated. Steps have already been taken to get the coal off.

The steamer is now secured by ropes, etc., to the shore to prevent any possibility of heeling over. Launches and junks are warned not to go through the pass.

OFFICIAL DANCE.

COMMODORE'S FUNCTION ON
"TAMAR."

Four hundred guests are expected at the annual official Commodore's Dance which is to be held to-morrow on board H.M.S. "Tamar," among them being Vice-Admiral Sir Edwin Alexander Sinclair, H.E. Major-General C. O. Luard, Lady Clementine, etc.

We are requested to state that cars should enter at the main gate of the dockyard for proceeding to the "Tamar" and leave by the Prince of Wales gate. The parking space provided will be the same as on the occasion of the "Hawkins" and "Tamar" dances. A portion of the football ground.

"KUNG HAY."

CHINA NEW YEAR
COMING.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS.

PADDY'S MARKET & LEGENDARY
BARGAINS.

After a year of bad trade and unsettled conditions the Chinese can have little regret for the passing of the second year of the present cycle of sixty, as it is just the opposite of a forerunner of prosperity.

The weather has been rather inclement, so that the huge army of tradespeople who usually reap a harvest just before New Year will suffer to a certain extent. Friday is China New Year Eve when the finishing touches will have been put to an elaborate series of preparations for the auspicious day. Saturday heralds in the celebrations proper—extending in Hongkong for about a week and in some parts of China for half a month.

During the last week-end households went through their kitchen thanksgiving services and shopping has now commenced. Down at the Bazaar—nobody need be told where it is—stalls are now replete with merchandise ranging from cloth caps (model Whitechapel '98), trumpery dolls, peacock feather ornaments, millions of Boston garters and trillions of factory socks.

Still the "fair" has beauties which are appreciated by its motley crowd. There are avenues of plants in pots, wonderful chrysanthemums in bloom, orange trees in fruit, including curious malformations due to the "misguided ingenuity of the gardener's" characteristic examples of stunted trees and shrubs, pretty peonies; and, last but not least, the two specimens of lucky flowers which grace every table on New Year's Day, these being the "water fairy" and the flowering shrub, the blooms of which resemble an overhanging bell. How all the flowers and goldfish came through the picket cordons is not much of a mystery to those in the know.

In previous years Jervois Street and Bonham Strand have been almost impassable a week before the great day, but to-day riches could run through without difficulty. This very apparent sign of the times reflects the depressed condition of the pre-festivity shopping.

In Wellington Street are rows of mushroom printers, each catering to the recent Chinese tendency to adopt Western ideas by making "New Year cards" which are none other than self-glorified visiting cards decorated with the colours of rainbow. "Old custom" ordains that greetings be presented with a slip of red paper bearing one's name, but these have given way to the cards described.

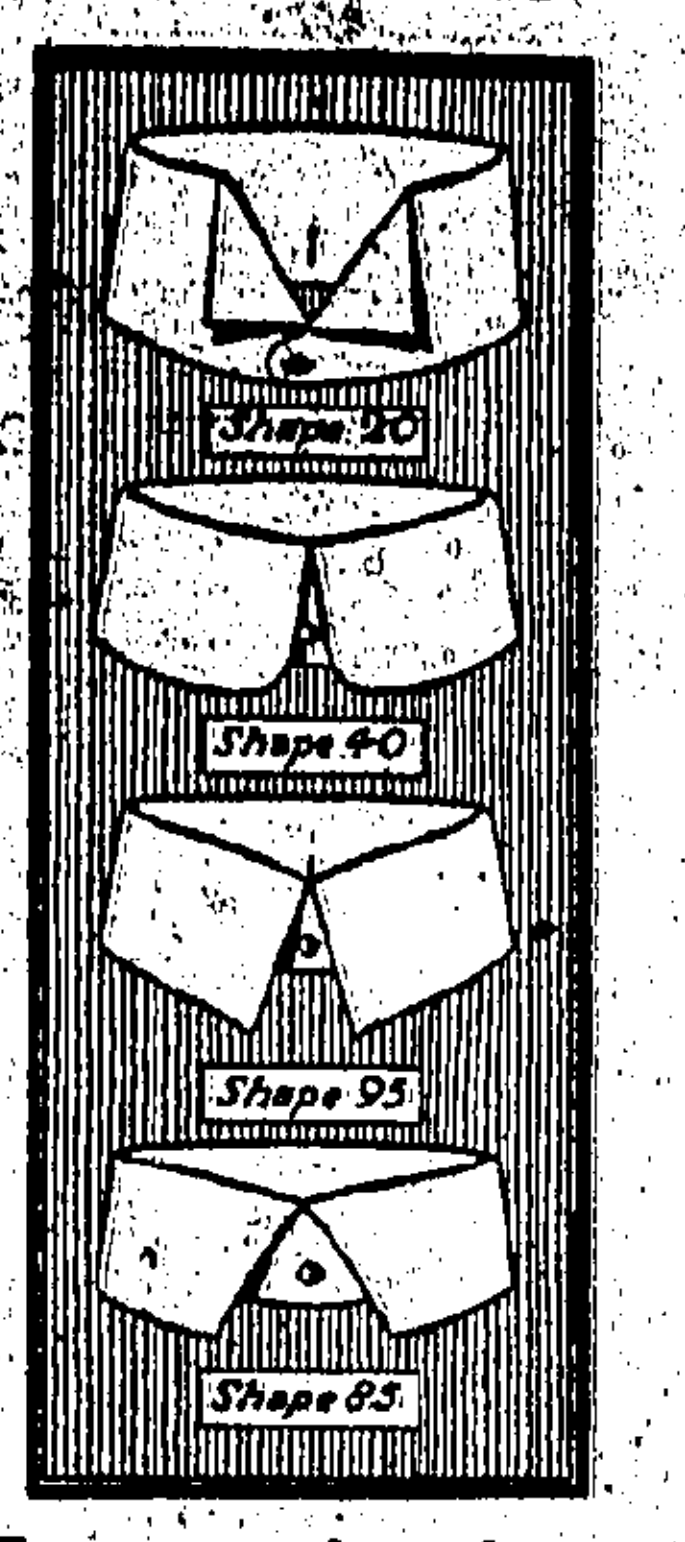
A mixture of metallic noises goes to maintain the "fun of the fair," which will be at its height on Friday evening. The really earnest bargain hunter will hang back till then after having done a little judicious reconnoitring in the meantime.

Those who live in the hope that the Chinese vendor will become desperate in the last hour of the old year and will be prepared to accept next to nothing for "cullies" and "big bargain" had better wait till normal times when they should explore the quarter curiously named (by Europeans) Paddy's Market but which in the Japanese language is known as "Dorobomachi," which means "Thieves Street." It is from this intriguing place that the tons of curios (see as if from nowhere).

In the workaday realm, shroffs are doing overtime. Chinese want to have a clean slate to start the New Year with and to do this they must pay all debts and collect all amounts owing to them. No surprise will be occasioned should any of the big firms down Nam Pak Hong way make a compromise to "carry over."

Timid Hongkong residents who dislike fireworks may rest assured that the preliminary bombardment will not start till Friday. On the afternoon of this day all the womenfolk will have attended to their New Year coiffures, the shoes to be polished, their silver ornaments, and their "lucky" mantles to getting a last shave just before the barbers close. The maid of the house will have drawn her water from the "fountain of beauty" in this case a process of beautifying the home will be swept, "glad rags" will be brought out, and Hongkong will see another China New Year.

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 Manager.
 Hongkong, 11th September, 1925.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

PIECE GOODS.

Shanghai Market Report.

Messrs. Ibert and Co.'s (Ltd.) market report dated January 22.

A distinctly better feeling has been evident in our market during the week under review and prices generally have shown a hardening tendency. The fall in exchange coupled with slightly higher manufacturers' prices has strengthened the position of importers as regards stocks on hand and with a scarcity of supplies buyers have increased their limits.

At the auctions further advances were recorded on last week. Greys moving up 2 mace, Whites 2 1/2 mace and Blacks 3 mace per piece. In addition to buying for immediate requirements, speculative purchases were in evidence and in particular the better known chops were in good demand. Transport facilities during the week also showed some improvement and with returning confidence in the market for Szechuen and Tientsin fair clearances have been reported.

Grey Shirtings Generally.—Market steady with the following sales made public:—

10 lbs. Rabbit and Moon at Tls. 7.30. Bridge at Tls. 6.75.

12 lbs. 36 in. Red Cock and Soldier D.D.D. at Tls. 9.50.

White Shirtings.—Prices show a tendency to higher levels. We hear of the following sales:—Blue Round Dragon at Tls. 10.50. Small Red Dog at Tls. 10. Gold Unicorn at Tls. 9.65. Five Gold Bats at Tls. 9.50. Mountain Flower, No. 1 at Tls. 9.45. Gold Nine Tail at Tls. 9.40. Good Luck at Tls. 8.60. and Fine Works at Tls. 5.00.

Cotton.—The price on the New York Cotton Exchange for Midland American has advanced 26 points for March delivery, the quotation on the 20th instant being 20.28 cents. The Bombay market showed a slight fall in prices at the end of the week owing to hedge selling. Prices on the 20th instant were as follows:—

F. G. Bengal January Rs. 285. F. G. Comra January Rs. 352. F. G. Broach April-May Rs. 357.

On the local Exchange very little business has been transacted, the market has remained firm and prices show a slight advance compared with last week.

The price on the 21st instant for Standard cotton January delivery was Tls. 32.50. Owing to the arrival of large shipments of Indian and American cotton, the demand for the Chinese staple on the part of spinners has been of a limited nature. Arrivals during the week include 10,800 bales Shensi, 2,600 bales Tungchow, 4,900 bales Ningpo. Quotations are as follows:—Tungchow Tls. 32.25. Shensi Tls. 32.75. Shanghai M. G. Tls. 34.25. Taichong Tls. 34.75. Ningpo Tls. 32.

Yarn.—5,730 bales Spot Yarn were sold for shipment to the interior at approximately the same price as last week. Standard 16's Man and Bell for January delivery were quoted on the Exchange at Tls. 14.20 on the 21st instant. Market steady.

LATEST WILLS.

Gross.

Mr. William M. Walters (90), of Ewell, Surrey, and of Lincoln's Inn, W.C., solicitor, £122,221.

Mr. John Holmes, of Sheffield, £46,001.

Mr. James Seville (70), of Bare, Morecambe, Lancs, formerly of St. Petersburg, Russia, retired machine fitter, £38,292.

Mr. Calman Links, of Golden-lane, E.C., wholesale furrier, £25,000.

Dr. Ernest G. Hardy, D.Litt. (73), of Poole, Dorset, Principal of Jesus College, Oxford, £23,401.

Mr. Marjott Le Tall, of Rotherham, Yorks, £20,865.

The Press Association understands that there is a possibility in the near future of a fusion between two well known confection and chocolate manufacturing firms, Messrs. Rowntree and Messrs. James Epps and Co. Negotiations are in progress for Messrs. Rowntree to obtain a controlling interest in Messrs. Epps and Co., but it is not anticipated that these will be completed for two or three weeks. If the firms are linked together in this way they will probably continue to manufacture their separate products as at present, so that they will remain distinct in this respect.

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THE SUN SUN CO.

Shanghai's New Department Store.

The Sun Sun Company, Ltd., Shanghai's new \$4,000,000 seven storey department store, hotel and amusement centre, opened its doors for business on Saturday, January 23.

The new structure occupies eight mow of land, the entire block bounded by Nanking, Kwangse, Tientsin and Kweichow Roads. On the seventh floor will be a theatre, a large dance hall and a concert hall capable of accommodating 1,000 people.

The new enterprise is a limited company, incorporated under the Act of Limited Companies and registered with the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce at Peking. Its original capital was \$3,000,000, which was raised to \$4,000,000, its present capital. The company managing the new store was promoted in 1923 and is another Cantonese project in that all the promoters are Cantonese people. The most prominent among the managers are Lu Shi-che, formerly general manager of Sincere Company, Ltd., a man of extensive business experience and ability; Li King-shi, vice chairman of the organising committee; Lee Yo-tang, superintendent of the Bank of Canton; Tam Han-chu, general manager of the Sing Yih Tobacco Co., Shanghai; Wei Loh-chuan, cashier of the Far Eastern Commercial Bank, Shanghai. All are well-educated and trained business men and some are experienced especially in the organisation and management of department stores.

The new store is located at Shanghai's retail shopping centre and faces Nanking Road in front and Tientsin Road at the back with the two sides flanked by Kwangse and Kweichow Roads. The area occupied by the new buildings is approximately eight Chinese mows. The building was designed by C. H. Gonda, an Australian architect, and the contractor is Lam Woo and Co., of Shanghai and Hongkong. The structure raises to 130 feet in the air from the top of the pagoda. It is divided into two main parts, the store and the hotel. The first five storeys are devoted to merchandise, the sixth contains the offices of the company while the seventh will be used for the hotel. In addition to being equipped with all facilities of modern hotels in America, the Sun Sun Company will reserve two large sections as a dancing hall and concert room capable of accommodating a thousand people.

INDIAN CURRENCY.

Need for a Gold Standard.

Calcutta, December 30.—In their written statement to the Royal Commission on Indian Exchange, the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce suggested that as early as possible a gold standard with gold currency be unreservedly introduced in India. The free flow of gold in and out of the country should be permitted. Apprehensions were often expressed that if gold coins were allowed to circulate in this country there would be a great scramble for gold in the world market, that commodity prices would fall and trade and industries in the world suffer. The Committee could not in this connection conceal their feelings of resentment that such a question should be raised in the case of India alone.

India must have the right of economic self-determination. If she sold to other countries more than she bought from them she had a right to be paid the balance in the form of goods, the only medium of international payment, and she had the right to use that gold either for currency purpose or for art as she chose.

It was painful for the Committee, to observe that an endeavour should now be made, evidently from interested quarters, to prove that India required an appalling amount of gold for the adoption of an effective gold standard and that India would have to seek a loan of three hundred crores of rupees in order to attain her cherished object.

Preposterous as the suggestion was the Committee felt it an outrage on India's national sentiment to ask it to submit to a foreign loan. India having a heavy favourable balance of trade from year to year it was the height of irony that after denying India for years her legitimate share of the world's gold resources she should be asked to borrow gold from abroad when at last she refused to forego her share of gold any more. To estimate India's requirement of gold reserve at 300 crores against a total circulation of 450 or 500 crores of rupees was only to display gross ignorance of economic science. "Associated Press."

CEBU CEMENT CO.

Plant To Be Sold.

In accordance with instructions of the board of control, the directors of the National Development Company decided to offer for sale in the open market the Cebu Portland Cement Company and advertise for bids to be received and opened at the National Development Company offices March 1.

Each bid should be accompanied by a certified cheque for P20,000 as a sign of good will, according to the decision. From among the bids submitted, the National Development Company directors will select one and recommend acceptance to the board of control which has final say. Any action taken by the board of control, however, is subject to approval by the legislature.

The cement property has a book value of about P2,200,000, according to best available data obtained but is said that the company with its goodwill and other assets is worth considerably more. Besides the actual cost of the plant, the purchaser must assume certain obligations, the most important being P750,000 contracted by the former manager, C. F. Massey, from the International Banking Corporation more than a year ago.

According to minutes of the board of control that served as guide for the National Development Company directors, Governor-General Wood and Senate President Quezon favoured the sale. The former stated that he was prepared to agree to disposing of the property at its book value, preferably to either American or Filipino capital.

Speaker Roxas opposed the proposed sale giving as his reason the desire of the lower house to continue government ownership and to extend additional financial aid. On the other hand, Quezon said that the senate refused to take action on the house resolution referred to by Roxas, and interprets such action as adherence to the original policy of the legislature to establish new industries at government initiative and with government capital, later to be transferred to private control but never to be perpetuated in government hands.

ALL BRITISH.

Clause in Railway Contracts.

In future contracts for goods produced from manufactured steel, the London and North Eastern Railway have decided to insert a clause that they "must be of British manufacture from steel of British manufacture throughout."

An official of the L.N.E.R. Railway said:—"It has for some time past been the custom of, at any rate, the large British railways to insert a clause in contracts that manufacturers shall use only British steel and other British materials in the construction of rolling stock and other equipment."

According to the "Bombay Evening News," Messrs. Tata and Sons have completed negotiations with a syndicate, consisting of Messrs. F. E. Dinshaw and Tilden Smith for a loan of Rs. two crores. The amount is to be shared between the Tata Hydraulic Power Company and the Tata Power Company, 115 lakhs for the latter and the rest for the former who will use it for wiping off their debentures.

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 " Prime Cut 牛尾瘦 32 24 12
 " Corned 咸牛肉 32 23 12
 " Roast 燒牛肉 32 24 22
 " Breast 牛腩 30 20 18
 " Soup 湯肉排 28 20 18
 " Steak 牛腩排 32 24 22
 " Steak Sirloin 牛腩排 45 30 35
 " Sausages 牛腩排 40 23 20
 Bullock's Brains 牛腦 per set 15 10 12
 " Tongue, fresh 牛舌 each 50 50 60
 " Tongue, corned 牛舌 \$1.00 60 —
 " Head 牛頭 \$1.50 — \$1.20
 " Heart 牛心 15 24 18 14
 " Hump, Salt 牛腰 — 20 18
 " Feet 牛腳 each 12 10 12
 " Kidneys 牛腰 15 10 12
 " Tail 牛尾 25 20 22
 " Liver 牛肝 lb. 22 18 14
 " Tripe 牛肚 12 6 7
 Calves' Head & Feet 牛頭蹄 set \$1.20 \$1.00 \$1.00
 Mutton Chop 羊排 lb. 55 28 —
 " Leg 羊腿 55 28 —
 " Shoulder 羊肩 55 24 —
 " Saddle 羊鞍 55 — —
 Pig's Chittlings 豬蹄 lb. 40 — 27
 " Brains 豬腦 Per set 3 — 12
 " Feet 豬腳 lb. 20 15 —
 " Fry 豬什 40 15 18
 " Head 豬頭 24 20 —
 " Heart 豬心 each 15 10 10
 " Kidneys 豬腰 12 10 8
 " Liver 豬肝 lb. 52 30 24
 " Sucking Pigs, to order 乳豬 25 25 22
 Suet, Beef 牛油 32 20 18
 " Mutton 羊油 55 26 24
 " Veal 豬油 36 20 19
 " Sausages 牛肝肉 40 20 20
 " No. 1. 82 — —

Barbel 鰻魚 lb. 28 19 24
 Bream 鱖魚 28 20 18
 Canton Fresh 青魚 (海味) 28 18 18
 " Water Fish 水魚 (海味) 28 18 18
 Carp 草魚 28 18 27
 Catfish 鮰魚 20 12 9
 Codfish 鱈魚 28 20 25
 Crab 蟹 30 23 28
 Cuttle Fish 墨魚 18 16 2
 Dab 黃魚 05 23 18
 Dace 黃尾 20 10 9
 Dog Fish 魚肚 10 10 8
 Eels, Conger 海蛇 28 18 —
 " Fresh Water 淡水 28 10 18
 " Yellow 黃魚 30 32 35
 Frogs 田雞 32 40 30
 Garoupa 石斑 24 18 15
 Gudgeon 白鰻 32 22 15
 Herrings 鱈魚 28 18 23
 Halibut 黃魚 34 22 18
 Labrus 鱈魚 35 22 24
 Loach 小魚 30 32 21
 Lobsters 龍蝦 42 32 28
 Mackerel 馬加魚 38 18 2
 Monk Fish 鱈魚 40 16 22
 Mullet 鱈魚 30 14 9
 Oysters 生蠔 36 20 15
 Parrot Fish 紅魚 20 16 9
 Pike 鱈魚 72 23 14
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 Pomfret, White 白魷 \$1.00 36 45
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 Ray 魷魚 32 18 18
 Rock Fish 石斑 40 22 18
 Roach 草魚 70 28 30
 Salmon 鮭魚 10 8 10
 Shark 鯊魚 16 10 10
 Skate 魷魚 30 28 35
 Shrimps 蝦 50 32 30
 Snappers 鱈魚 42 28 28
 Sole 鱈魚 50 22 18
 Tench 鰱魚 36 18 12
 Turbot 鱈魚 \$1.40 40 —
 " Pudd, small, in water 1.40 40 —

Poultry.

February 3, June, June, 1925, 1918, 1914.

Cts. Cts. Cts.

Chicken 雞 lb. 65 30 31
 Capons, Small 雞 60 28 30
 Capons, Large 雞 65 28 30
 Duck 鴨 45 22 21
 Doves 鴿 each 30 22 21
 Eggs, Hen (cooking) 雞蛋 per doz. 30 18 —
 Eggs, Hen (fresh) 新鮮雞蛋 40 25 20
 Fowls, Canton 本地雞 lb. 72 36 24
 Fowls, Hainan 海南雞 68 28 —
 Geese 鴨 52 24 24
 Pigeons, Canton 白鴿 each 48 30 —
 " Pouter 花鴿 32 23 —
 Turkeys, Cock 火雞公 lb. \$1.00 —
 Turkeys, Hen 火雞母 85 51 45
 Snipe 沙鳥 each \$1.80 —
 Quail 山雞 35 — 2
 Partridges 鶇 \$1.50 — —

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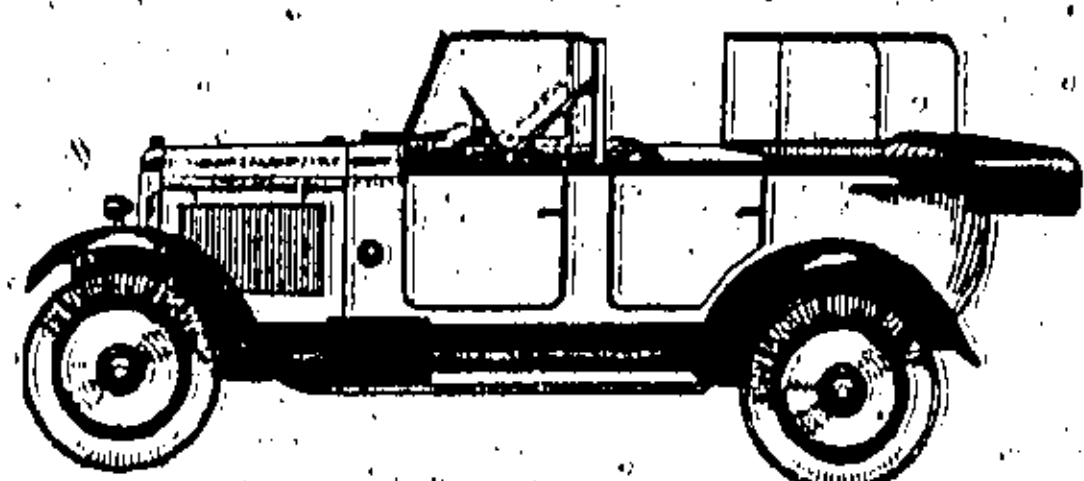
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DEFENCE LEAGUE.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIST CAMPAIGN
IN ORIENT.

NEW ORGANISATION.

It will be remembered that some time ago the suggestion was put forward in the correspondence columns of the "North-China Daily News" that the time had arrived when a combined effort should be made by foreigners and Chinese alike to take active steps to combat Bolshevism inroads into China. The seriousness of such an appeal was fully realised, and the result was that meetings were held and representatives of different nationalities united to form an organisation which would bring about such an achievement. Work has been steadily progressing, and now we are in a position to announce that under the title of the "Constitutional Defence League" residents of Shanghai have joined together to promote the following objects:—

- To organise and promote international and universal opposition to the propagation of the theories and principles of the Third International and to the practice and policy of Communism as associated therewith.
- To defend and uphold constitutional conditions of progress in contradistinction to subversive, reactionary and revolutionary methods practised by Communists.
- To foster and promote unity and goodwill amongst all classes and nations, to perpetuate what is best in the heritage of constitutional development and civilization and to defend and extend the principles of justice, democracy and liberty of thought, of speech and of enterprise, to educate public opinion and to diffuse information to ensure social, economic and industrial progress on sound constitutional principles.
- To employ whatever means the general committee of the League may think fit to further the said principles and policy.

The League shall be international, democratic, non-sectarian and shall not be affiliated to or connected directly or indirectly with any political party and/or religious organisation.

As showing the wide international aspect of the movement the following clause in the constitution may be quoted:—

The general committee shall consist of at least one member and in no case except as hereinafter provided of more than two members of each of the following nationalities—American, Belgian, British, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish and Swiss, provided always that each nation shall not be represented by more than one member on the said Committee have only one vote apart from the Chairman's casting vote.

It should be explained that, since the first steps were taken, a considerable amount of work on the



Ramon de Valera, Irish agitator, addressed an enormous crowd in Jackville Street, Dublin, where he attacked the London Boundary Agreement as detrimental to the independence of Ireland.

part of representatives of no fewer than 14 different nationalities has taken place. A certain amount of secrecy was necessarily involved in the matter, for the susceptibilities of people of different countries and their shades of opinion had to be considered, but at length it was possible to launch the movement. The amount of business, economic and other interests represented by the nationalities mentioned has been found to be enormous, and all are prepared to co-operate in fighting Communism of the Third International variety which has infiltrated into China to-day. It should be emphasized that the Chinese interest in the organisation is particularly large.

It is hoped to establish branches of the League not only in Shanghai and China but throughout the Far East, while already the organisation is in touch with influential people abroad, and there is every possibility that it will become a world-wide organisation.

A "Drang Nach Osten."

The position as regards Bolshevism to-day is that its adherents, having found Western Europe a barren field, are now turning to the Far East and especially to China. The Constitutional Defence League, since the first suggestion of its inception has obtained data showing the Bolshevik organisation already afoot in China, and how it proposes to extend the field of its activities on similar lines to those adopted in Canton. For one thing the larger ports are aimed at as being suitable for the purpose. All this mass of information suggests that such an institution as the present League would have had a useful existence a considerable time ago, and shows how it is urgently called for to-day.

Now that it is inaugurated, a very strenuous existence should be ahead of it. It must be emphasised that not only are the foreigners interested in it, but the Chinese have the movement at least as much at heart. The merchant classes are fully represented in it, and equally with them the official class has given the movement its warmest support. It is a movement in which all can co-operate, and the manner in which the constitution has been drafted sets out how single its aims are—a campaign against Bolshevism.—"North-China Daily News."

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

JAPANESE ARRESTED IN
SHANGHAI

Upon arrival of the N.Y.K. "Shanghai Maru" at the Wayside Wharf, Shanghai, on February 2, four Japanese first-class passengers were taken to the Japanese Police Office who had been informed by the police authorities at Hyogo Prefecture, Japan, of their movements. It is stated that the men who are at present detained in custody for examination have gone from Japan to make an arrangement for smuggling opium amounting to \$50,000 in value into Shanghai.

"Harry, if I were to die, would you marry again?"
"That question is hardly fair, my dear."

"Why not?"
"Because if I were to say 'Yes,' you wouldn't like it, and to say 'Never again' wouldn't sound nice."

Cyril (in the garden): "Dad, look out of the window!"
Father (putting out his head): "What a nuisance you children are! What do you want now?"

Cyril (with a triumphant glance at his play-fellow): "There you are, Bobby Smith, you wouldn't believe my dad had got up hair on the top of his head, would you?"

PEACE MEMORIAL.

LATEST AWARD OF A
SCHOLARSHIP.

WON BY W. H. LYTTLE.

The latest award under the above scholarship, of which the Chairman and Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal are trustees, reveals an interesting sidelight upon the educational facilities China now offers to China-born boys, says the "North-China Daily News" of February 8.

The two scholarships of £1,400 each, the gift of an anonymous donor, are competed for every three years, and they open the way to a full university course to boys educated in China, free from any financial worry, and form a unique Peace Memorial of incomparable and lasting value and are probably without equal in the whole history of scholarships.

The scholarship has been awarded to William Hamilton Lyttle. He is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lyttle, of Messrs. Casey & Lyttle, Tsingtao, and was born in Ningpo in September, 1908.

Before coming to Shanghai in 1923 to take up special studies at the Shanghai Public School, he was educated at Chetoo School where he passed his Junior and Senior Cambridge examinations with honours, and was champion of school athletics.

In 1923 he entered for the Hongkong Matriculation and Peace Scholarship. He passed with 1st class honours, with distinctions in English, Latin, and Geography. Though taking 2nd place in the examination no scholarship was awarded as he had entered specifically for the scholarship which was won by Nobleton, who captured first place.

He resumed his studies in 1923 at the Public School and was elected prefect. During 1925 he won the St. George's Society Scholarship for English. He also won the School Championship for athletics, being 1st in 100, 220 and 440 yards and 3rd in long jump.

In the autumn he was elected Head Prefect and has since been elected Captain of the school.

During the June troubles, Lyttle served as a Special Constable, his height probably accounting for the fact that he was enrolled though being under age.

As only one scholarship was awarded in 1924 the second one was competed for in 1925 which he has won with honours and distinctions in Physics and English.

Lyttle will use his Scholarship in Cambridge but which college has not yet been settled.

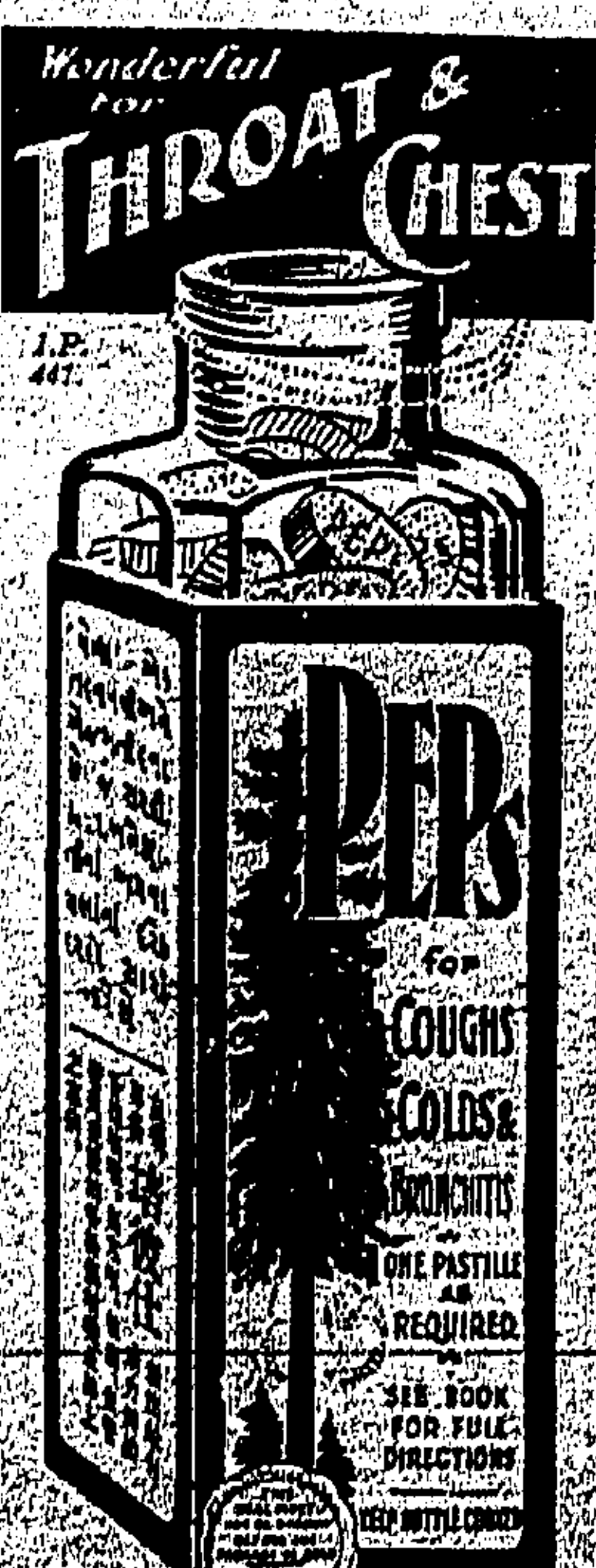
The chemist was becoming wearied. He had been explaining and pricing dozens of articles to the shopper, who didn't really want to buy anything at all. Finally she picked up a bottle.

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"KARNATA"	9,689	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"NAGPORA"	5,933	2nd Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,903	6th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KARNATA"	9,689	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KARNATA"	9,689	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MANTUA"	10,903	3rd Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	10th Apr.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MANTUA"	10,903	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KARNATA"	9,689	24th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,903	1st May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KARNATA"	9,689	8th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MANTUA"	10,903	15th May	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	22nd May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MANTUA"	10,903	29th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KARNATA"	9,689	5th June	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,903	12th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KARNATA"	9,689	19th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MANTUA"	10,903	26th June	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,689	3rd July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MANTUA"	10,903	10th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"KARNATA"	9,689	17th July	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,903	24th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull

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"TALMA"	9,019	20th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	24th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SHIRALA"	7,841	17th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island
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"KARNATA"	9,689	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	24th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	3rd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	23rd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	8th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	12th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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"KARNATA"	9,689	14th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	18th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	22nd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KARNATA"	9,689	26th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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"KARNATA"	9,689	5th Jul.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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CIVIL WAR.

WU PEI-FU'S ADVANCE
ON LOYANG.

A Reuters' message from Peking, dated February 2, reports:—

Military circles profess to be keenly awaiting developments in Honan, where Marshal Wu Pei-fu is slowly progressing towards Loyang. His advance guard having been checked by the Kuominchun.

General Yuan Wei-chun has left Kaifeng, apparently with the intention of establishing a strong front against Marshal Wu.

As regards General Yueh Wei-chun's chances of success, opinion in Peking is divided. Kuominchun circles expect him to crush Marshal Wu's expedition, but other quarters are of opinion that if General Yueh concentrates his forces against Marshal Wu Pei-fu, General Chang Tsung-chang and General Li Ching-shan will march on Kaifeng.

The situation on the Luanchow front is somewhat similar, for finding that the Fengtien forces are beginning to concentrate on Jehol, and region, the Kuominchun are advancing on Jehol from Luanchow, where the troops used for the purpose are being replaced from Peking and other centres. While this sparring for position is going on, military intrigues are rampant on both sides, and it is probable that bargaining will again play a greater part in the outcome than will military operations.

A Tientsin telegram of February 2, states:—

It is reliably reported that the Shantung Army began a forward movement from Tchow and arrived at Lienwochen yesterday, and the Kuominchun forces have taken up the first defensive position in the east and west of Tsengchow.

ILLEGAL ARREST.

THE SHANHAIKWAN INCIDENT.

A Tientsin message of February 2, reports:—

In connection with the case involving the arrest of several Japanese soldiers by Mukden troops in the district of Shanhaikwan, a representative of Marshal Chang Tsung-chang to-day called on Major-General Koizumi, Commander of the Japanese garrisons here, and proposed that punishment would be meted out to responsible Chinese troops. The representative also offered an apology for the illegal arrest.

DEFENCE OF PEKING.

FOREIGNERS' CONFERENCE.

Peking, Feb. 2.

It is learned on good authority that a joint conference of the Diplomatic Body and Commanders of all foreign garrisons in Tientsin will be opened on the 4th inst. here. Though the agenda to be discussed at the conference has not been officially published, it is understood that the main object of the conference in question is to make arrangements as to the area to be defended by foreign garrisons as well as their defensive methods, in view of the civil war that recently took place in the region between Peking and Tientsin.—"Eastern News Agency."

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VESSELS DUE.

FROM NORTH CHINA.
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FROM CALCUTTA.
Feb. 14.—N.L. Talaia
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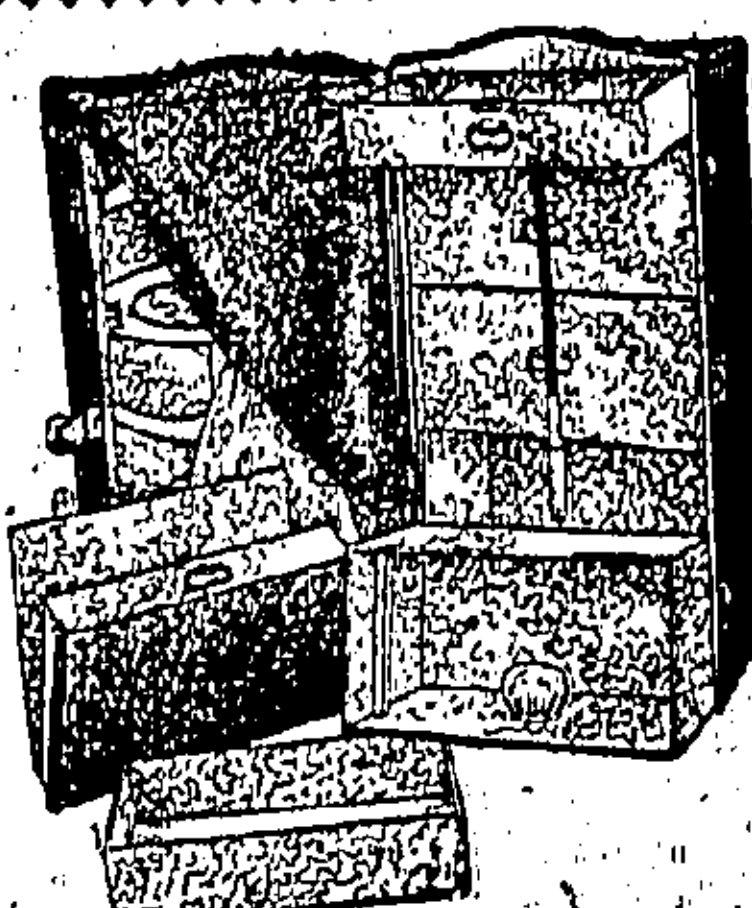
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Hongkong, Tuesday, February 9, 1926.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

His Excellency the Governor did the cause of the local Volunteers a good turn yesterday evening when he carried out an inspection of the Corps and afterward delivered a brief but telling address. The days for Volunteer duty and the Volunteer spirit are far from past. Wherever he may be situated it is the first duty of an able-bodied citizen to offer his services for the defence of his own town or port or Colony. It is one of the finest forms of insurance for the preservation of the community's tranquillity and peace of mind. Volunteering duties, however, cannot be learned at one drill or even in one year. There must be constant training for any undertaking that may arise, otherwise the whole aim of the movement may be destroyed when the call comes for something more than pleasant parades on the drill ground or enjoyable practices at the rifle range. Moreover, in a floating population such as Hongkong it would be nonsensical to expect the strength of the Corps to be maintained year in and year out at a given ratio. There is always a demand for recruits, and just because of that demand and because the service is voluntary, the Corps must be made as attractive as possible for our young manhood.

It was only to be expected that His Excellency the Governor would dwell on that side of local Volunteering arising out of the anti-British boycott. It is common knowledge that the mobilisation of the Corps last June had an excellent moral effect, and during the period of "carrying arms" our citizen soldiers earned the gratitude and praise of the entire community. To get work well done voluntarily is often the precursor of a request for yet more. His Excellency remarked that he was encouraged to ask for even more service from the Volunteers in respect of which he promised that

such would come up for public discussion. The first request is in regard to the period of annual training, which both His Excellency and the General Officer Commanding are of opinion is too short at present. That may be expected to be the subject of a conference between the authorities and the Chamber of Commerce. There is, and will be for some time, a shortage of staffs in business firms, and it may be argued that a longer period of training not only would be a hardship on firms but at the same time impede the flow of recruits to the Volunteer Corps.

There ought to be more accord with Sir Cecil Clementi on the subject of a Corps of Naval Volunteers. Such a body formed the basis of an article in this paper a few months ago, when a similar movement was talked about in Singapore. This is certainly one direction in which there can be enlisted "additional" help from civilians in the defence of this Colony. His Excellency invites public discussion on these and other schemes; to that invitation it is to be hoped there will be a ready response.

ARBITRATION.

We are approaching the fact that the tongue is mightier than the sword. A League of Nations communique shows that during 1925, 248 treaties, conventions or other international agreements were registered with the League secretariat, making the total so registered 1043. The number is formidable; but out of these documents has come a considerable amount of peace consequent on the straightening of tangled webs of misunderstanding. In the 1925 list are treaties with Austria, Denmark, Sweden and Czechoslovakia; a treaty of friendship between Persia and Afghanistan; treaties of conciliation made by Switzerland with Brazil, Italy, Austria, Hungary and Sweden; an arbitration between Uruguay and Venezuela, and a conciliation and arbitration convention by Latvia, Estonia, Finland and Poland. The list does not include the Locarno treaties, yet to be registered; nor does it take in the arbitration treaties now being negotiated with various countries by Spain. All this is splendid. It points to the fact that although "hot air" may escape from those charged with high office in a particular country, offset by the fact that Europe, at any rate, is tired of war, the Napoleon suggested that God was on the side of the big battalions, it is now more likely to be that He is on the side of the cause that has justice behind it. And it is in this connection that the League of Nations is more than justifying itself. When America gets to the stage of "injecting itself into the affairs of the Old World" we may expect greater development. The League is not only interested in political treaties and arbitration, but in matters closely concerned with industrial and economic questions. Soon there is to be an international economic conference and much good is likely to result

from it. There may be less glamour about the table of an arbitration board than there is in war—the Locarno Conference does not hold with the suggestion—but it calls for men full of wisdom and ability—they should be, we are told—devoid of hatred, of friendship, of anger, and of soft-heartedness. This ancient "recipe" sounds very unbinding, but it is meant to indicate that questions of difficulty should be considered with only one and in view their permanent settlement. There should at all times be "hats off" to proposals of arbitration when other methods of reaching a settlement have failed.

INDIAN'S DEATH.

MURDER CHARGE AGAINST
CONSTABLE.

INTERPRETER'S EVIDENCE.

The hearing of the case in which a Shantung constable stands charged with the murder of an Indian constable was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. Accused was not legally represented. An Indian constable stated in evidence that he met the accused in a frightened state on the night of the murder. In reply to questions by witness, accused said: "Your foki has died; I have bulletted him."

Another witness, Lance Sergeant J. S. Scott, of the Royal Artillery, said that he saw the deceased constable on the ground. The accused in broken English and gestures tried to make out that he had struck the Indian with his truncheon.

An interpreter said that when accused arrived at the charge room he made a statement to him in which he said that the Indian, in trying to relieve him of his truncheon, tore his pocket.

The Indian tried to get hold of his revolver in order to fire at him. Accused saw he was in danger and he turned the revolver away from himself and it went off. The bullet struck the Indian, although he did not intend to shoot him.

Witness added that accused further stated the revolver went off while it was in the holster, the bullet passing through the end of the holster.

The case was adjourned until today.

ENGAGEMENT.

RETURNED GRADUATES TO
MARRY.

A COLLEGE ROMANCE.

A dinner was given last evening by Mrs. Lau Siu-cheuk at her house, 121 Caine Road, to a few near relatives, in honour of the engagement of her daughter, Miss Ross, to Dr. S. F. Tan of Tientsin. The betrothal is part of a long romance begun in 1919 when the happy couple first met at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from which institution they both graduated.

After taking her B.A. degree in 1922, Miss Lau came back to Hongkong the following year and since then she has been very prominent and active among the younger Chinese residents of the Colony.

Dr. Tan received his B. Chem. degree in 1920 and his Ph.D. degree three years later from Cornell. Upon his return to China in 1924, he was appointed general manager of the Yungshing Motor Co. of Tientsin where he is very well known. Dr. Tan made a short visit to America again last October on a Government mission, and returned to Hongkong by the "President Jackson" on February 1.

The wedding will take place early in the spring.

Mrs. Lau Siu-cheuk is the widow of the elder brother of Mr. Lau Kwai-cheuk, the well-known rice merchant and banker.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FIRE AT TAIKOO DOCKYARD.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—With reference to the Press reports which have appeared regarding the fire on the R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" statements have been made that the water pressure at the Dockyard was insufficient. This, we would like to point out, is incorrect, the fire being extinguished by the ship's hose and hoses from the mains alone, without having to resort to pumps for extra pressure. In case of need the pumps on the salvage tug "Taikoo" together with other salvage pumps, could have been called into requisition but this was found to be unnecessary. We trust you will give prominence to this so as to correct what may have been a serious misunderstanding of the facts. Yours, etc., The Taikoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hongkong, Ltd. Hongkong, February 9.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

IMPRESSIVE SCENES AT
INSPECTION.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE.

WHEN H.E. WAS A MACHINE
GUNNER.

With four hundred and thirty on parade, the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps marched from Headquarters to Murray parade ground yesterday evening for the annual inspection by the Governor. Lining the banks and in the assembly in the pavilion on the parade ground were friends and the generally interested public. The Corps was drawn up in companies forming a hollow square, the Artillery, Machine guns, Armoured Car section (together with the mobile column), being at the northern end; the Scottish and Reserves at the southern, the Infantry and Engineers at the eastern and the saluting point at the western.

The Corps was called to attention when H.E. the Governor, accompanied by His Excellency the General, Major-General C. C. Luard, aide-de-camps and Punjab officers, entered the ground promptly at 5.45, the royal salute being given with the Corps at the "present" when the saluting point was reached.

H.E. the Governor in the course of his inspection was accompanied from front to rear of each company by the respective platoon and company officers, exchanging a few words with each.

The march past, which followed, was most impressive, particularly at the saluting point where company after company swung past, nothing being heard but the skirl of the pibroch and the drums, the steady tramp of the marchers and the orders for marching acknowledgment when the actual point was reached by the leading files.

With the Corps drawn up in close order, His Excellency, an impressive figure in levee dress, addressed them as follows, his words being plainly audible to all—Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.—In addressing you my mind instinctively travels back to the days when I myself stood in your ranks as a private in what was then known as "A" Machine Gun Company. A great impetus had at that time been given to volunteering, because owing to disturbances which occurred when the New Territory first came under British rule the Volunteer Defence Corps was mobilized. To-day the call for volunteers is even more imperative because of the anti-British boycott in which, for no fault of ours, we find ourselves involved, and I am glad to see so fine a muster on parade. I congratulate you all on your soldierly bearing, and I desire especially to compliment the newly formed Medical Section, a unit of great value to the Hongkong garrison. It is most reassuring to see the civil population volunteering in such numbers and with such efficiency for military duty in connection with the defence of the Colony; and I thank you for your services and for the splendid spirit in which they are offered.

A Naval Corps?

This esprit de corps, as I well remember, has always animated the volunteering movement in Hongkong; and it encourages me to ask even more service from you. H.E. the G.O.C. considers, and I am sure you will all agree, that the present period of your annual training is too short and I propose to see whether suitable arrangements cannot be made for prolonging it. I am also at the suggestion of H.M.'s Government inquiring whether it would not be possible to form in Hongkong a corps of Naval Volunteers, in addition to the units which already exist. Both these projects will soon come up for public discussion and I trust that you and the whole community will give full support to any well-considered schemes which the military and naval authorities devise for enlisting additional help from civilians in the defence of this Colony. Hongkong is for its size the most wonderful Colony in the Empire. We are very proud of it. We believe in its future and to a man, each in our several posts, we shall unite to protect it from harm. In the famous Roman phrase—*Videmus ne quid detrimenti res publica capiat*.

The Corps then marched back to Headquarters with the Armoured Car section and the mobile column leading and before dismissal, Lieut. Col. Bird congratulated them on the excellence of the turn out. The inspection was the best that he had had the honour of commanding.

KRASSIN TO REST.

TREATMENT BY BLOOD
INFUSION.

PRODUCING DESIRED EFFECT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 8.

The Soviet Embassy says that the blood transfusion with which M. Krassin (Soviet Ambassador-elect to Great Britain) is being treated is producing the desired effect, but a long rest is necessary.

DIPLOMAT'S DEATH.

SIAMESE MINISTER TO
AMERICA.

ASHES FOR BANGKOK.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Feb. 8.

The Siamese Minister, Phya Buri Navarath, has died of tuberculosis at Saranac Lake. After his cremation the ashes will be taken to Siam.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

HEAVY DECLINES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 9.

After several weeks' slow and gradual advance heavy declines in many stocks have occurred in the stock market to-day as a result of a bold raid by the bears assisted by several adverse factors, including the announcement that the Government was planning to investigate the Ward, Baking merger and the rumours that the proposed merger between the Postum Cereal Corporation and the California Packing Corporation had been declared off. These two stocks crumpled precipitately, the California Packing Corporation's stock falling over twenty points. The rest of the market declined sympathetically, but signs of recovery appeared during the last hour. Oils and railroads noticeably made a particularly good recovery.

U.S. EMBASSIES.

APPROPRIATION TO
CONSTRUCT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Feb. 9.

Giving evidence before the Foreign Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives, which is considering the Bill to appropriate \$5,000,000 to construct Embassies, Mr. Frank Page, son of ex-Ambassador Doctor Page, declared that it cost his father \$48,000 a year to run the Embassy in London on salary of \$12,000.

HOME SILK DUTIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 9.

In the House of Commons Mr. Ronald McNeill stated that the total net revenue from silk duties to January 31 was £2,168,000, including £446,000 excise duty on artificial silk.

AIRMAN KILLED.

ACCIDENT TO BRISTOL
FIGHTER.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8.

The Air Ministry announces that as the result of an accident to a Bristol fighter at Heliopolis, Egypt, on Saturday last Flying Officer Tremellon (pilot) was killed and Flight Lieutenant Stanley Simpson was seriously injured.

CHINESE CALENDARS.

Making very appropriate souvenirs for folks at home, some tasteful Chinese calendars have been issued by the Standard Oil Co. The scenes represented are taken from items of romance in China's mythology and history. The "China Mail" renders thanks for a set of copies.

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London, Feb. 9.

The Daily News correspondent in Berlin states:—As a result of Mussolini's anti-German speech shopkeepers and housewives at Munich have begun a boycott of Italian oranges and the following notice has been posted in railway stations "Germans who propose to visit Italy are traitors."

ITALY'S DEBT.

NO TRADE CONCESSIONS IN AGREEMENT.

DEFINITE STATEMENT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) stated in the House of Commons, in reply to a question, that no political or commercial arrangements or concessions had been entered into with the Italian Government in connection with the war debt settlement.

Li Po, the famous bard of the Tang dynasty, is depicted transcribing the first ultimatum received by China from a "foreign" country, in a (Chinese) calendar issued by the Canadian Pacific S.S. Co. The "China Mail" acknowledges receipt of a set with thanks.

FOREIGN POLICY.

GREAT BRITAIN TO STAY IN EGYPT.

SECURITY OF IRAK.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Colonial Secretary, spoke at Leeds on Britain's position in the Middle East. He said that Great Britain could not get out of Egypt. Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, had found it necessary to make it clear that whilst Great Britain desired to encourage Egyptian national life, she wished Egypt to understand that she must pay regard to Great Britain's Imperial rights and responsibilities both in regard to the safety of British communications through Egypt and the British position in the Sudan.

No High Hand.

With regard to Irak, Mr. Amery said that, whereas we had costly armies there a few years ago, we now kept it secure by a mere handful of troops and a small but efficient air force. Recent developments had been carried out not by a high hand imposed on an unwilling people, but by the people of the country themselves with the aid of British officials. The country was now in a position to pay its own way, and nothing stood in the way of greater development except a certain want of security as to the future.

The people of Irak had asked what we were going to do at the end of 1928. Were we going to quit the country without any future form of co-operation, or were we to renew the present Treaty in some form and give Irak considerable security? They were also anxious to know whether they were to retain their present frontiers or whether Britain would hand over certain portions around Mosul to the clamour of the Turks? These two questions had now been cleared up.

Not To Clear Out.

The Council of the League of Nations, by a unanimous decision, had held that the case of Irak was a good case. They added that Great Britain should not clear out of Irak at the end of 1928, but would continue her co-operation with that country. He believed that, so far from creating a new war, that settlement was providing the basis for a future friendly understanding with Turkey, against whom we bore no grudge, and with whom we wished to continue to live on terms of complete friendship.

Palestine Army.

Referring to Palestine, Mr. Amery said that Great Britain had undertaken to provide the Jews with a national home only on condition that they inflicted no harshness or injustice on the Arab population. That was Great Britain's policy, and it would be continued.

RUBBER NEEDS.

MORE FACILITIES FOR DEALING IN U.S.A.

NEW EXCHANGE OPENING.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 8.

Additional facilities for dealing in rubber will be available on February 15, when the New York Rubber Exchange opens for business.

VACCINATION RISKS.

OVERDUE ENQUIRY BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8.

The Minister of Health, in conjunction with the Medical Research Council, has appointed a Committee to enquire and report from time to time, firstly, on matters relating to the preparation, testing, and standardisation of vaccine lymph; secondly, on the practical methods which are available in the light of modern knowledge to diminish or remove any risks of vaccination; and, thirdly, on the methods of vaccination which may be claimed to be most appropriate to give protection against the risk of small-pox infection in epidemic and non-epidemic periods, and to co-ordinate the work of investigation of these questions in this country and abroad, having regard to corresponding work undertaken by the International Health Organisation.

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TRADE GUARANTEES.

PERIOD EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 8.

A White Paper announces that the Government propose to extend the period in which guarantees may be given under the Trade Facilities Acts from March 31 next to March 31, 1927, and to increase the total capital amount of loans the principal or interest of which may be guaranteed under the Acts from £70,000,000 to £75,000,000.

It is estimated that on March 31 next the authority for £5,000,000 guarantees will not be used.

Overseas Trade.

It is also proposed to extend the date during which the Board of Trade may give guarantees under the Overseas Trade Acts and the date to which guarantees may remain in force from September 8, 1926, and September 8, 1930, to September 8, 1929, and September 8, 1933, respectively.

The Overseas Trade Acts authorised the Board of Trade to make arrangements in connection with export trade for granting credits and giving guarantees to an amount not exceeding £25,000,000.

GERMAN ENTRY.

FORMALITIES FOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8.

General satisfaction is shown by the British newspapers at the prospect of the formal application by Germany for membership of the League of Nations, which, it is expected, will be drafted at a meeting of the Berlin Cabinet to-day.

The decision to apply was approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag last Thursday and sanctioned by the Federal States on Saturday; and it is anticipated that the Reichstag application will be received in Geneva this week.

A formal meeting of the Council will then be called without delay to convene a special meeting of the Assembly, which must elect Germany a member by a two-thirds majority and will undoubtedly endorse the recommendation of the Council that she should become an additional member of that body.

Germany should thus be able to take her place as a regular, and permanent member of the Council at its next quarterly meeting in March.

The Treaty of Locarno becomes valid when Germany becomes a member of the League.

It is recalled in the "Times" that "When the question of Germany's entry into the League of Nations was first seriously discussed, in the Autumn of 1924, the then German Government, realising that the number of members of the League Council, whether permanent or temporary, could only be increased by a unanimous vote of the existing members, took the precaution of ascertaining from each of the ten members of the Council individually whether they would approve of the addition of Germany to the number of permanent members."

In due course, replies were received from all ten which were understood to be generally favourable. There is no question of the Assembly running counter to the unanimous resolution of the Council. There are in addition the assurances given at Locarno.

TEXT APPROVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Feb. 8.

The German Cabinet has unanimously approved of the text of Germany's application for admission to the League of Nations, which is being forwarded to Geneva to-night.

FILIPINO VETERANS.

INSURRECTIONIST LEADER ELECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Manila, Feb. 8.

General Emilio Aguinaldo, leader of the insurrections against Spain and the United States, has been unanimously re-elected President of the Filipino Veterans.

The election is of considerable political significance as Aguinaldo is extremely influential and opposes immediate separation from the United States.

IN PARLIAMENT.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY.

LIBERALS AND EDUCATION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8.

The debate in the House of Commons on the Address in Reply to the King's Speech will conclude to-day when the Liberal amendment raising the Government's educational policy will be discussed.

Financial matters will occupy attention for the greater part of the week, when the Supplementary Estimates will be laid before Parliament.

The legal question will be raised by the Liberals, but the general debate on this subject must inevitably await publication of the Commission's report and a statement by the Government of the policy that it proposes to adopt in light of that report.

The Labour Party will return to the question of subsidising steel houses in Scotland; and among other subjects that are likely to be discussed on the Supplementary Estimates are sugar beet industry grants, the Northern Ireland Government, and unemployment.

PARALYSE PROGRESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 8.

Sir John Simon (Liberal, Spoken Valley) moved the Liberal amendment dealing with education when the debate on the Address in Reply was continued.

The amendment particularly took exception to the recent substitution of block grants for a percentage grant, which it was considered would paralyse educational progress.

Sir John Simon argued that the proposed grant of a fixed sum encouraged a backward educational authority to do as little as possible beyond complying with the minimum requirements. He contrasted this move, which he declared represented a new policy, dictated by an embarrassed Chancellor of the Exchequer, with the latter's generous policy towards Italy in connection with the debt settlement agreement at the expense of the British taxpayer.

The Debate.

Lord E. Percy (Conservative, Hastings) replying to the debate, said that the present grant system was unsatisfactory, and the block grant system was the obvious development of the present system.

The Duchess of Atholl (Conservative, Perth and Kinross, W.) said that the Government's action was due to the state of the country's finances, because the Government must know how much it had to provide for education each year. The Government hoped to resume the full programme at the earliest possible.

The Division.

The Liberal amendment was rejected, the division resulting—
Against 284
For 185
Majority 149

The Address was thereupon agreed to.

WIRELESS STRIKE.

EMPLOYERS' PROPOSALS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

ARBITRATION BASE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8.

Mr. H. B. Batterton, Under-Secretary for Labour, stated in the House of Commons that his Department had been in constant communication with both parties in the marine wireless dispute with a view to arranging a settlement.

The position to-day was that the Wireless Operators' Association had informed the Department that the proposals of the employers were unacceptable. Both parties included a reference to arbitration in their proposals, but differences existed as to the basis of arbitration and as to the terms on which work was to be resumed.

A communication had been sent to the employers to-day, and it was hoped that it might be possible to arrange a joint meeting when their reply had been received.

SOVIET SILENT.

NO REPLY TO CONFERENCE INVITATION.

OBJECTION TO GENEVA.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8.

Questioned in the House of Commons as to the attitude of the Soviet Government toward the preliminary discussions on disarmament, Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) said that as far as he was aware the Soviet Government had not yet officially replied to the invitation to take part in the preparatory commission for the Disarmament Conference. He understood that it objected to Geneva as the place of meeting, as it was not in diplomatic relations with the Swiss Government. The British Government had not had occasion to express an opinion on the subject. He hoped that any difficulty would be removed before the date of the meeting.

BUDGET FORECAST.

EXPENDITURE MAY DROP TEN MILLIONS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8.

It is generally anticipated that as a result of economies effected in public services, at the suggestion of the Cabinet Economy Committee and of the Committee set up under the chairmanship of Lord Colwyn, the national expenditure for which the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have to budget will probably be reduced by £10,000,000 in the coming year.

Next year's Estimates for the fighting services are not yet prepared for publication; but forecasts indicate that in the aggregate they will show a reduction compared with the figures for the present year.

The "Times" understands that in the coming year there will be a reduction in the Navy Estimates. In spite of a new programme of cruiser construction, and in the Army Estimates. These will more than balance the increase in the Air Force Estimates, which will not be so large as originally contemplated.

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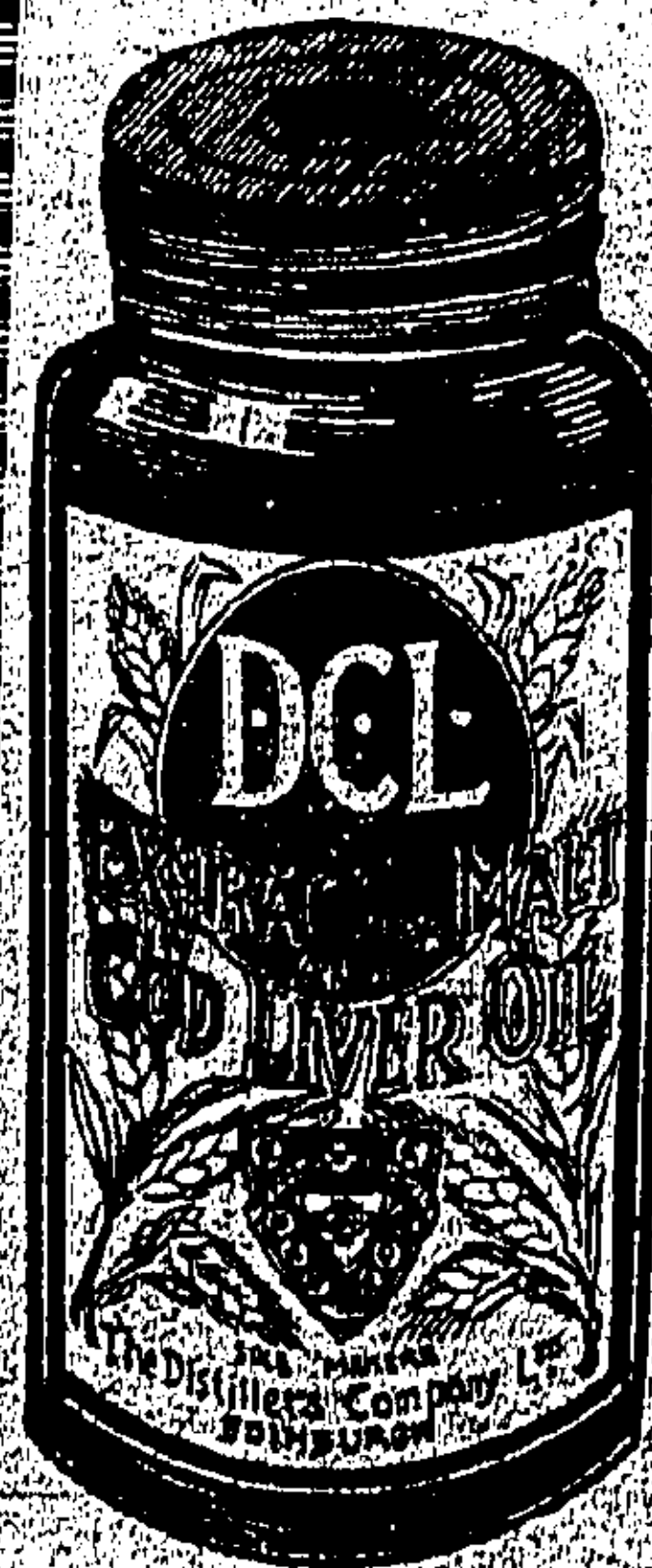
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Italians Boycotted.

London, Feb. 8.

The Daily News correspondent in Berlin states:—As a result of Mussolini's anti-German speech shopkeepers and housewives at Munich have begun a boycott of Italian oranges and the following notice has been posted in railway stations "Germans who propose to visit Italy are traitors."

ITALY'S DEBT.

NO TRADE CONCESSIONS IN AGREEMENT.

DEFINITE STATEMENT.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8. The Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) stated in the House of Commons, in reply to a question, that no political or commercial arrangements or concessions had been entered into with the Italian Government in connection with the war debt settlement.

Li Po, the famous bard of the Tang dynasty, is depicted translating the first ultimatum received by China from a "foreign" country, in a (Chinese) calendar issued by the Canadian Pacific S.S. Co. The "China Mail" acknowledges receipt of a set with thanks.

FOREIGN POLICY.

GREAT BRITAIN TO STAY IN EGYPT.

SECURITY OF IRAK.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8. Mr. L. S. Amery, Colonial Secretary, spoke at Leeds on Britain's position in the Middle East. He said that Great Britain could not get out of Egypt. Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, had found it necessary to make it clear that whilst Great Britain desired to encourage Egyptian national life, she wished Egypt to understand that she must pay regard to Great Britain's imperial rights, and responsibilities both in regard to the safety of British communications through Egypt and the British position in the Sudan.

No High Hand.

With regard to Irak, Mr. Amery said that, whereas we had costly armies there a few years ago, we now kept it secure by a mere handful of troops and a small but efficient air force. Recent developments had been carried out not by a high hand imposed on an unwilling people but by the people of the country themselves with the aid of British officials. The country was now in a position to pay its own way, and nothing stood in the way of greater development except a certain want of security as to the future.

The people of Irak had asked what we were going to do at the end of 1928. Were we going to quit the country without any future form of co-operation, or were we to renew the present Treaty in some form and give Irak considerable security? They were also anxious to know whether they were to retain their present frontiers or whether Britain would hand over certain portions around Mosul to the clamour of the Turks? These two questions had now been cleared up.

Not To Clear Out.

The Council of the League of Nations, by a unanimous decision, had held that the case of Irak was a good case. They added that Great Britain should not clear out of Irak at the end of 1928, but would continue her co-operation with that country. He believed that, so far from creating a new war, that settlement was providing the basis for a future friendly understanding with Turkey, against whom we bore no grudge, and with whom we wished to continue to live on terms of complete friendship.

Palestine Army.

Referring to Palestine, Mr. Amery said that Great Britain had undertaken to provide the Jews with a national home only on condition that they inflicted no harshness or injustice on the Arab population. That was Great Britain's policy, and it would be continued.

RUBBER NEEDS.

MORE FACILITIES FOR DEALING IN U.S.A.

NEW EXCHANGE OPENING.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 8. Additional facilities for dealing in rubber will be available on February 15, when the New York Rubber Exchange opens for business.

VACCINATION RISKS.

OVERDUE ENQUIRY BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8. The Minister of Health, in conjunction with the Medical Research Council, has appointed a Committee to enquire and report from time to time, firstly, on matters relating to the preparation, testing, and standardisation of vaccine lymph; secondly, on the practical methods which are available in the light of modern knowledge to diminish or remove any risks of vaccination; and, thirdly, on the methods of vaccination which may be claimed to be most appropriate to give protection against the risk of small-pox infection, in epidemic and non-epidemic periods, and to co-ordinate the work of investigation of these questions in this country and abroad, having regard to corresponding work undertaken by the International Health Organisation.

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TRADE GUARANTEES.

PERIOD EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 8. A White Paper announces that the Government proposes to extend the period in which guarantees may be given under the Trade Facilities Acts from March 31 next to March 31, 1927, and to increase the total capital amount of loans the principal or interest of which may be guaranteed under the Acts from £70,000,000 to £75,000,000.

It is estimated that on March 31 next the authority for £5,000,000 guarantees will not be used.

Overseas Trade.

It is also proposed to extend the date during which the Board of Trade may give guarantees under the Overseas Trade Acts and the date to which guarantees may remain in force from September 3, 1926, and September 3, 1930, to September 3, 1929, and September 3, 1933, respectively.

The Overseas Trade Acts authorised the Board of Trade to make arrangements in connection with export trade for granting credits and giving guarantees to an amount not exceeding £25,000,000.

GERMAN ENTRY.

FORMALITIES FOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8. General satisfaction is shown by the British newspapers at the prospect of the formal application by Germany, for membership of the League of Nations, which, it is expected, will be drafted at a meeting of the Berlin Cabinet to-day.

The decision to apply was approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag last Thursday and sanctioned by the Federal States on Saturday, and it is anticipated that the Reichstag application will be received in Geneva this week.

A formal meeting of the Council will then be called without delay to convene a special meeting of the Assembly, which must elect Germany a member by a two-thirds majority and will undoubtedly endorse the recommendation of the Council that she should become an additional member of that body.

Germany should thus be able to take her place as a regular and permanent member of the Council at its next quarterly meeting in March.

The Treaty of Locarno becomes valid when Germany becomes a member of the League.

It is recalled in the "Times" that "When the question of Germany's entry into the League of Nations was first seriously discussed, in the Autumn of 1924, the then German Government, realising that the number of members of the League Council, whether permanent or temporary, could only be increased by a unanimous vote of the existing members, took the precaution of ascertaining from each of the ten members of the Council individually whether they would approve of the addition of Germany to the number of permanent members."

"In due course, replies were received from all ten which were understood to be generally favourable. There is no question of the Assembly running counter to the unanimous resolution of the Council. There are in addition the assurances given at Locarno."

TEXT APPROVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Feb. 8. The German Cabinet has unanimously approved of the text of Germany's application for admission to the League of Nations, which is being forwarded to Geneva to-night.

FILIPINO VETERANS.

INSURRECTIONIST LEADER ELECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Manila, Feb. 8. General Emilio Aguinaldo, leader of the insurrections against Spain and the United States, has been unanimously re-elected President of the Filipino Veterans. The election is of considerable political significance as Aguinaldo is extremely influential and opposes immediate separation from the United States.

IN PARLIAMENT.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY.

LIBERALS AND EDUCATION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8. The debate in the House of Commons on the Address in Reply to the King's Speech will conclude to-day when the Liberal amendment raising the Government's educational policy will be discussed.

Financial matters will occupy attention for the greater part of the week, when the Supplementary Estimates will be laid before Parliament.

The equal question will be raised by the Liberals, but the general debate on this subject must inevitably await publication of the Commission's report and a statement by the Government of the policy that it proposes to adopt in light of that report.

The Labour Party will return to the question of subsidising steel houses in Scotland, and among other subjects that are likely to be discussed on the Supplementary Estimates are, sugar beet industry grants, the Northern Ireland Government, and unemployment.

PARALYSE PROGRESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 8. Sir John Simon (Liberal, Spoken Valley) moved the Liberal amendment dealing with education when the debate on the Address in Reply was continued.

The amendment particularly took exception to the recent substitution of block grants for a percentage grant, which it was considered would paralyse educational progress.

Sir John Simon argued that the proposed grant of a fixed sum encouraged a backward educational authority to do as little as possible beyond complying with the minimum requirements. He contrasted this move, which he declared represented a new policy, dictated by an embarrassed Chancellor of the Exchequer, with the latter's generous policy toward Italy in connection with the debt settlement agreement at the expense of the British taxpayer.

The Debate.

Lord E. Percy (Conservative, Hastings) replying to the debate, said that the present grant system was unsatisfactory, and the block grant system was the obvious development of the present system.

The Duchess of Atholl (Conservative, Perth and Kinross, W.) said that the Government's action was due to the state of the country's finances because the Government must know how much it had to provide for education each year. The Government hoped to resume the full programme at the earliest possible.

The Division.

The Liberal amendment was rejected, the division resulting:—

Against 284
For 335

Majority 149
The Address was thereupon agreed to.

WIRELESS STRIKE.

EMPLOYERS' PROPOSALS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

ARBITRATION BASIS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8. Mr. H. B. Battarton, Under-Secretary for Labour, stated in the House of Commons that his Department had been in constant communication with both parties in the marine wireless dispute with a view to arranging a settlement.

The position to-day was that the Wireless Operators' Association had informed the Department that the proposals of the employers were unacceptable. Both parties included a reference to arbitration in their proposals, but differences existed as to the basis of arbitration and as to the terms on which work was to be resumed.

A communication had been sent to the employers to-day, and it was hoped that it might be possible to arrange a joint meeting when their reply had been received.

SOVIET SILENT.

NO REPLY TO CONFERENCE INVITATION.

OBJECTION TO GENEVA.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8. Questioned in the House of Commons as to the attitude of the Soviet Government toward the preliminary discussions on disarmament, Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) said that so far as he was aware the Soviet Government had not yet officially replied to the invitation to take part in the preparatory commission for the Disarmament Conference. He understood that it objected to Geneva as the place of meeting, as it was not in diplomatic relations with the Swiss Government. The British Government had not had occasion to express an opinion on the subject. He hoped that any difficulty would be removed before the date of the meeting.

BUDGET FORECAST.

EXPENDITURE MAY DROP TEN MILLIONS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 8. It is generally anticipated that as a result of economies effected in public services, at the suggestion of the Cabinet Economy Committee and of the Committee set up under the chairmanship of Lord Colwyn, the national expenditure for which the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have to budget will probably be reduced by £10,000,000 in the coming year.

Next year's Estimates for the fighting services are not yet prepared for publication, but forecasts indicate that in the aggregate they will show a reduction compared with the figures for the present year.

The "Times" understands that in the coming year there will be a reduction in the Navy Estimates, in spite of a new programme of cruiser construction, and in the Army Estimates. These will more than balance the increase in the Air Force Estimates, which will not be so large as originally contemplated.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

TOO PROUD?

ROLAND TODD REFUSES TO FIGHT

LOSES HIS TITLE.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 18. The British Boxing Board of Control has decided that Roland Todd, who has not defended the title of British middleweight champion for nearly three years, be deprived of the championship. Despite offers by the National Sporting Club and other promoters, he has refused justifiable challenges and has now gone to America.

HOME SOCCER.

DIVISION II LEAGUE RESULTS.

WOLVES' BIG WIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 8. League football results to-day (home team given first) are:—
Division II.
Oldham 0, Darlington 1.
Wolverhampton 4, Notts Forest 0.

The table in this division now stands:—

Division II.

	P.W.	D.L.	F.A.	Pts.
Wednesday	27	18	3	6.65 31 39
Derby	26	16	5	5.55 28 37
Chelsea	25	13	8	5.55 31 34
Blackpool	24	13	5	10.54 42 31
South Shields	24	13	5	10.52 40 31
Oldham	26	12	6	8.46 36 39
Portsmouth	27	12	6	9.55 36 30
Swansea	27	12	4	9.52 40 28
Hull City	27	12	4	9.52 40 28
Middlesbrough	28	14	0	14.52 44 28
Pon Valley	28	13	2	23.50 53 28
Bradford City	27	10	7	10.52 38 27
Wolves	26	11	4	11.41 41 26
Darlington	27	9	7	11.44 50 25
Skegby	26	9	6	11.44 50 25
Barnsley	27	8	8	11.41 52 24
Southampton	27	8	6	13.40 45 23
Preston	27	10	2	15.42 43 22
Notts Forest	27	7	6	14.30 42 20
Stockport	27	7	4	16.38 41 18
Fulham	26	6	6	14.28 55 18
Clapton	25	8	2	15.29 57 18

HOME RUGGER.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.

LIGHT BLUES WIN.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 20. Results, under rugby union rules to-day's were:—
Surrey 18, Eastern Counties 11 (at Richmond) in the county championship.
Cambridge University 18, Royal Air Force 3.

USE OF FISTS.

"RUGBY LIKE A STREET BRAWL."

PLAYERS AS THE BALL.

Followers of the rugby game in Hongkong who recall Reuter's references to rough play in the Wales v. England match on January 16 will read the appended with interest.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 18. "Rugby like a street brawl" is the description of Saturday's match attributed to an unnamed well-known international in the "Evening Standard."
He says that fists were used as in a street brawl and that as the players themselves were the ball.
A prominent member of the Welsh Rugby Union is quoted as saying: "It was disgraceful and it was not rugby. There was at one time a danger of one of the captains leading his team out of the field. I saw what could only be described as deliberate blows. The off-side rule was blatantly broken in the scrums by the Welsh halves. I am full of regret at the conduct of certain individuals and the barracking of the crowd."
It is stated that certain members of the English Rugby Union have discussed the matter unofficially, and it will not be surprising if the Welsh Union receive a letter on the subject.

London, January 21.—At the Stadium Club, London, in a boxing match the Metropolitan Policemen beat the Paris Policemen by seven events to nil.—via Colombo.

GOING NORTH.

TWO HONGKONG SOCCER TEAMS.

INTERPORT & CHINESE.

Two football teams are leaving by the "President Jackson" this afternoon to play a series of matches in Shanghai.
Hongkong's representative interport team is going up for the express purpose of a match with the Northern port this Saturday. We won, on our own ground, last season. Trials and exhibitions so far have not inspired confidence in our hopes of defeating for the first time the Northern port on their own pitch. Our team is:—

Rodger (H.K.F.C.), Wynne (Police) captain, Wheeler (Kowloon), Mitchell (Surreys), Stewart (H.K.F.C.), Bristowe (Surreys), Charlesworth (Surreys), Humbersons (Surreys), Cosano (Club de Recreo), Butler (Surreys), Macklesworth (Surreys), Resorvay—Howard (H.K.F.C.), Brittain (Police), Hayes (Kowloon).

Messrs. W. E. Hollands and J. McCubbin are going in charge of the team.
The South China A.A. are also sending sixteen men by the same ship. They will take part in the China National Football Championship and will play about four games.

In alphabetical order, the team is:—

Chan Kwong-ju, Chan Woon-yin (reserve), Lau Yuk-tat, Lam Yuk-ying, Lau Hing-cheung, Lau Kiu (reserve), Leung Cho-ai (manager), Leung Wing-tak, Leung Yuk-tong, Ng Kam-chuen, Ng Po-lau (reserve), Pang Kam-wing, Suen Kam-shun, Wong Pak-chung, Wong Sui-wah, Yik Chan-pong (reserve).

"WHITE WINGS."

LADIES' PRESENTED CUP EVENT.

Presented for competition by the winner of the Gael and Heyward Hays class in the ladies' championship of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, the "Bluenose" Cup was won yesterday by "Joan" (Mrs. Davison).

The other four boats in the race were:—Thecla (Mrs. Barraclough), Why Wonder? (Mrs. Adams), Sealark (Mrs. Crane), Adanac (Miss Hollingsworth).
Starting at 3 p.m., the wind was about force three. Course: to Channel Rocks, mark in Quarry Bay, Kowloon Rock, finish at Club, distance nearly six miles.
"Why Wonder?" was first by 8 seconds but lost, on handicap, by 21 seconds to "Joan," which came in second.
"Sealark" was third both on "finishing" and "corrected" time. "Thecla" was last but beat "Adanac" for fourth place by her handicap.

SERVICES' CRICKET XI.

For the annual cricket match on the H.K.C.C. ground during China New Year holidays (Saturday and Monday), the team to represent the United Services against the Club will be:—

Lt.-Col. A. S. Cantrell, R.M., (Hawkins),
Lieut. T. E. Halsey, R.N., (Hawkins),
Pay Lieut. J. A. Hussey, R.N., (Hawkins),
Mid. R. H. Stephenson, R.N., (Hawkins),
Lieut. C. L. Robertson, R.N., (Despatch),
Capt. L. Mercer, R.M., (Despatch),
Capt. C. A. Bridgland (Royal Corps of Signals),
Capt. R. A. Warters (I.M.S.),
Captain E. W. Morris (I.A.S.C.),
Captain C. D. Armstrong (1/East Surreys),
C.Q.M.S. A. J. Stripp (1/East Surreys).

UNIVERSITY CRICKET.

The following will be the teams in the Arts v. Engineering inter-faculty cricket match to-morrow at the University ground at 2 p.m. sharp:—Arts: B. P. Ng (captain), Dr. R. Ponsonby Fane, H. N. Balhatchet, T. E. Yoh, H. Y. Leong, S. Hachima, W. H. Sling, E. Zimmern, J. Noronha, C. E. Lee, W. Youngs, Engineers: W. M. H. Giffins (captain), Prof. M. H. Roffey, Prof. F. A. Redmond, H. C. Hunt, J. L. Youngs, S. O. Shahabuddin, T. W. Cheong, I. Tjims, A. Hoalima, Hazeland, A. Suleiman.

INTERPORT GOLF.

CHANGE IN SHANGHAI'S TEAM.

CERTAIN "BAD LUCK."

Says the "N. C. Daily News" of last Wednesday:—

A change has been necessitated in the Shanghai Golf Club's team to meet Hongkong at China New Year. It is learned that K. M. Cumming is unable to travel south, and it is an interesting question as to how the vacancy so caused will be filled. It will be remembered that the original team consisted of M. W. Budd, A. R. Blinco, J. E. Ferrier, H. R. Malcolm, L. Parbury and K. M. Cumming. There has been a certain amount of bad luck about this team, for no sooner had it been announced than Budd went to hospital for a second time this season. Fortunately he is better again and will be able to take his place, but the selection of a man to substitute for Cumming now presents a real difficulty. A meeting of the Club Committee is being held to-day, when the matter will probably be decided. It has to be remembered that possibly four days' successive golf may have to be played, two against Hongkong and two against Manila, and accordingly the Club has to look to stamina and lasting power in any selection.
[Note: Mr. Cumming is a former Hongkong resident and is well acquainted with Fanling.]

NEWS FROM MANILA.

The "Manila Bulletin" of last Tuesday remarks:—

The Board of Directors of the Manila Golf Club have selected the following members to compose the team to go to Hongkong: Lieutenant A. L. Benedict, B. F. Few, J. R. H. Mason, Commander H. C. Train, E. J. Nell and G. M. Ivory, "Bob" Mason was elected to captain the team. Captain H. B. Elveth and W. Z. Smith were also selected for the team but were unable to make the trip.
In selecting the team, the committee had to take in consideration the fact that all steel shafted clubs are not allowed under the rules played at Hongkong.

The local players will leave Manila on the s.s. "President Pierce," sailing, February 9 and return to Manila on board the s.s. "President Taft," arriving February 21. Actual dates for the playing of the matches will not be made until the team arrives in Hongkong.
This will be the fifth interport golf match between Hongkong and Manila. Out of the four matches played each Club has won two. Manila has only played one match with Shanghai, sending a team there in 1922, which was won by Shanghai.

FANLING GOLF.

Details of the golf match at Fanling on Sunday, in which the Club beat the United Services by 13 points to 3, are as follows:—

Singles.
I. W. Shewan, beat Com. Gray 4 and 3; J. M. Walker beat T. D. Holmstrom 1 up; T. D. E. Pendered lost to Capt. Bevis 2 and 1; R. Melville Smith lost to Capt. Morris 2 and 1; W. Douglas beat Lt. Wilson 5 and 4; N. L. Smith lost to Lt. Dickens 2 and 1; E. J. R. Mitchell beat Pay Com. Woodward 2 and 1; L. R. Andrews beat Com. Ratsey 4 and 3.

Club 5 points; Services 3 points. Foursomes.
Shewan and Walker beat Gray and Holmstrom 2 and 1; Pendered and R. Melville Smith beat Bevis and Morris 2 and 1; Douglas and N. L. Smith beat Wilson and Dickens 3 and 1; Mitchell and Andrews beat Woodward and Ratsey 4 and 3.
Club 8 points; Services nil.
Total: Club 13 points; Services 3 points.

"VARSITY STROKE."

WANSBROUGH NOT TO ROW THIS YEAR.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 22. Some weeks of speculation regarding the intentions of last year's Cambridge stroke, Wansbrough, have ended in a definite statement that he will not be included in the 1926 eight owing to injuries to his back sustained in the middle of last year.
The "Cantab" appears to have found a capable successor in the Etonian, Hamilton Russell.

THE ORTHOPHONIC.

NEW STYLE OF TALKING MACHINE.

"UNCANNY ACCURACY."

One of the outstanding musical events of the season will be a private demonstration of a new and revolutionary type of talking machine, to be given before prominent citizens, musicians, music teachers, educational authorities and newspaper representatives by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., Victor distributors, at the Roof Garden, Hongkong Hotel this evening at 8.15 p.m.
Said by acoustical experts and musical authorities to be not less than 100 per cent. more efficient than any previous development in the reproduction of sound from a record, the new instrument, known as the Orthophonic Talking Machine, is to make its public debut here on Thursday, February 11. The private demonstration in local musical circles an opportunity to hear the instrument before it makes its formal bow.

Developed upon the same basic principles which made possible long-distance telephone communication, the Orthophonic Talking Machine is described as a mechanical instrument which reproduces accurately practically the entire range of musical sound. Its outstanding virtue is said to be the elimination of all unmusical vibrations which marred reproductions on old-type instruments, and the extraordinarily faithful preservation of tone colour. Notes which heretofore could not be reproduced at all, or were so distorted as to be unpleasant or almost unrecognisable, are now said to be given forth by the Orthophonic instrument in all their true beauty.
Instruments which in the past have been the despair of the music-lover, and reproduced with unnamable accuracy, say experts who have heard the new instrument. The piano reproduction is that of the real instrument, with all its magnificent range. The harp can be distinguished clearly, the drums weave their resonant background, and the various other instruments preserve their true individuality, while blending with fidelity in the ensemble.

Following to-night's private demonstration, a big public presentation of the Orthophonic instrument will take place at Messrs. Moutrie & Co.'s store on this Thursday, beginning at 10 a.m., and continuing until 6 p.m.
At both the private demonstrations to-night, and the public presentation on Thursday, the Orthophonic instrument will be played in comparison with the old-type instrument, to give its hearers an accurate conception of the vast musical advance that has been made.

POPULAR TROTTERS.

INSISTENT REQUEST FOR TWO MORE PERFORMANCES.

Of the thoroughly enjoyable nature of the series of performances given at the Star Theatre by Dick Norton's New Globe Trotters all who patronised them have not the slightest doubt. It is doubtful whether any troupe that has visited the Colony has had such demonstrative ovations as those accorded to Dick Norton's Globe Trotters, particularly on Saturday and Sunday nights, when the theatre was taxed to its utmost capacity.

The phenomenal success of the season has inspired the booking offices and a very large number of the public to take advantage of the Globe Trotters' extended visit to make an insistent demand for some more performances. It will come as good news to many, therefore, to learn that Dick Norton has acceded to the request with his usual goodwill. A matinee has been arranged to be given on Friday at three o'clock, at the Theatre Royal, followed by an evening performance at 9.15. As crowded houses are bound to be the rule, those who intend to go should book their seats at the earliest.

It had been raining hard and the field was more like a lake than a football ground. A big crowd was assembled, so the referee decided that it could not be postponed. "What!" gasped the captain of the visiting team, "surely we're not to play in this?"
"Certainly. Now don't hang about; you've won the toss; which side are you taking?"
"Well, if we've got to play," came the answer, "I guess we'll play with the tide."

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CABARET CONCERT AND DANCE.

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If anything is tended to heighten the already great popularity of Dick Norton and his merry band of Globe Trotters it is their readiness at all times to give their services in aid of sweet charity. Their visit coincides with a cabaret concert and dance which is to be held in the King Edward Hotel (the management of which have kindly granted the use of the whole of the first floor for the occasion) on Thursday, beginning at 8.15 p.m. This function is being arranged under the auspices of the Kowloon Cricket Club in aid of the widow and family of Mr. D. A. G. Allison, of Kowloon, and is sure to enlist the practical support of a wide circle.
The price of admission has been fixed at the low sum of two dollars, including light refreshments, and it should be noted that admission will be by ticket only.

ORGAN CONCERT.

PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The following is the programme for the fourth of the series of concerts being held in St. John's Cathedral hall in aid of the organ fund.

1.—Piano Solo: (a) Nocturne ("Nightingale"), Greig; (b) Soaring, Schumann; Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.
2.—Songs: (a) In Haven, (b) Where Corals Lie (Elgar), Mrs. N. Mathieson.
3.—(a) That Night in May, (b) Love is for ever (Brahms), Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith.
4.—Piano Solo: (a) Prelude in G, (b) Nocturne in C minor, (c) Fantasia—Impromptu (Chopin), Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.
5.—Songs: (a) A Roundel of Rest (Cyril Scott), (b) I have twelve oxen (John Ireland), Mrs. N. Mathieson.
6.—(a) Songs my mother taught me, (b) Cloudy heights of Tatra (Dvorak), Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith.
7.—Piano Solo: (a) Prelude in G flat, (b) Prelude in G minor (Rachmaninoff), Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

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OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 9, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Name	Hongkong Stock Exchange	Hongkong Shareholders' Association	
T.T. on London	2/436	2/436	2 3/8
T.T. on Shanghai	78	78	nom.
Banks			
Hongkong Bank	1050 s.	\$1040 s.	\$1050 b.
do. London	£127 n.	—	£127 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	£20 1/2 n.	£21 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£13 1/2 n.	£20 1/2 n.	—
do. C.	£13 1/2 n.	£13 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£20 1/2 n.	£20 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	£85 n.	\$72 b. & d.	\$73 b.
Marine Insurance			
Canton Insurance	600 b.	600 b.	\$600 s.
China Underwriters	2 s.	2.30 n.	1.80 s.
North China Insurance	T 140 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	258 b. & sa	258 b.	\$260 s.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	35 b.	—
Fire Insurance			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	520 n.	525 s.	590 s.
Shipping			
Donglasses	30 s.	32 n.	26 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	23 s.	21 s.	20 s.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	374 s.	4 n.	4 s.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	50 s.	—	65 s.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transports	95/- n.	97/6 n.	95/- b.
Star Ferries	\$50 b. 52 s.	49 b.	\$40 b.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 s.	16 n.
Refineries			
China Sugars	24 s.	23 s.	22 s.
Malabon Sugars	40 s.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining			
Beiguets	1 1/2 n.	—	—
Kallan Mining Ad.	44/- n.	45/- n.	47/6 n.
Langkats (Combined)	33 s. & d.	122 b. 24 s.	127 b.
do. (Single)	13 s.	10 s.	—
Shanghai Exploration	\$145 s.	5 s.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 s. & d.	7 s. b.	—
Raubis	\$5.80 s.	\$5 1/2 s.	6 s.
Tronoh Mines	55/- n.	55/- n.	—
Ural Caspians	8/- n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$120 1/2 b.	119 b. 121 s.	\$110 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	54 n.	54 s.	52 1/2 b.
Hongkows	T 170 b.	—	T 165 b.
New Engineering	7 b.	T 7 n.	634 b.
Shanghai Docks	108 s.	108 s.	107 s.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$710 s. 7 1/4	710.20 sa.	7 1/4 s.
do. (new)	— (710 n)	—	—
Hongkong Lands	57 1/2 b.	57 1/2 b.	56 1/2 b. 56 1/2
H.K. Realty	5 b.	54 n.	53 1/2 n. [sa]
H.K. Territorials	6 b.	6 1/2 b.	6 b.
Humphreys Estates	13 1/2 b.	13 b.	13 b. 13 1/2 s.
Princes Building	120 s.	110 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills			
Ewo Cottons	T 9 b.	T 9 b. & sa 9 1/4	T 9 1/2 s.
Oriental	33 n.	24 b 3 s. [sa]	3 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	55 s.	54 s.	55 s.
do. (new)	27 s.	27 s.	27 s.
Miscellaneous			
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Peak Trams (old)	17 b.	16 b.	17 s.
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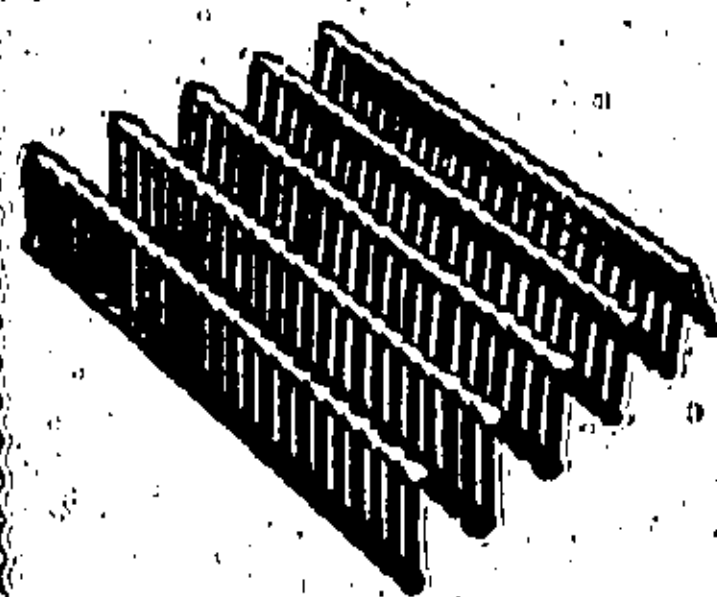
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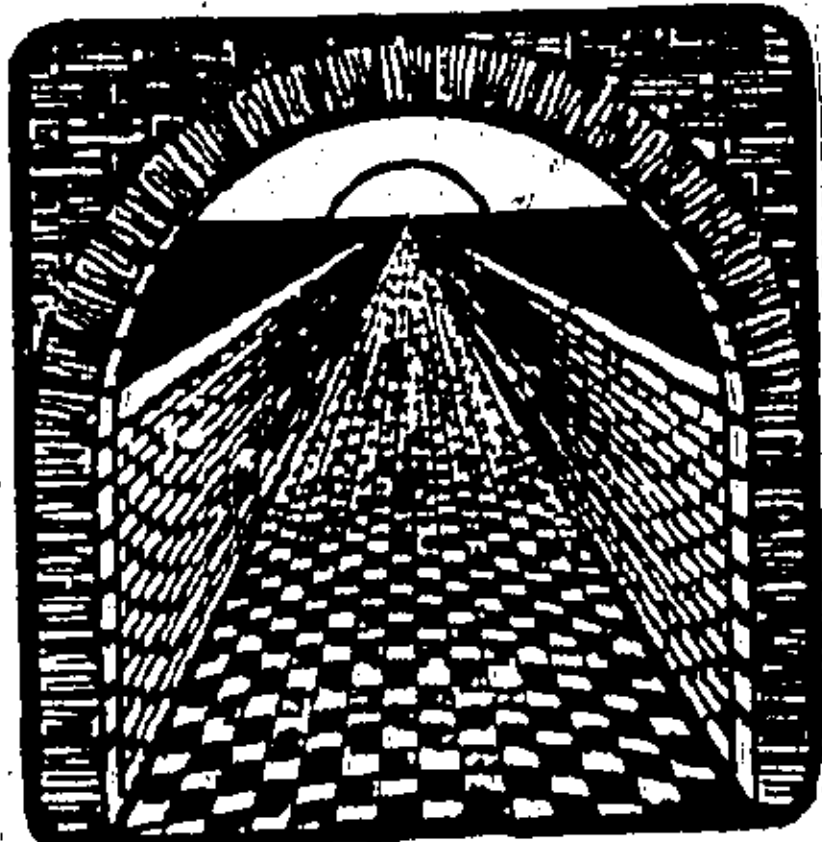
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People and Events in the News of the World



After a ten-year fight between the pro-chokes and the anti-chokes, the U.S. Secretary of War has approved the roll collar in place of the high stiff type of collar, as illustrated by Lieutenants Beveridge and Bollinger.



Prince Judda Krishnamuri, Hindu

graduate of Oxford, according to

Mrs. Annie Besant, leader of the

Theosophists, will be reincarnated.

Her followers are at Madras to await

the coming.



Elsie Mackay (above), of the stage, has gone to Europe on the same boat with Max Montrose, an obscure English actor. Her husband, Lionel Atwill (star of "Deburau"), pleaded with her to return, but she declared it was in vain.



LADY MOUNTBATTEN, DUCHESS OF YORK & PRINCESS MARY

Additions to the British royal family are expected in the next few months. Lady Louis Mountbatten, whose husband is a nephew of King George and Queen Mary, expects an heir shortly. The Duchess of York is soon to become a mother, and the Princess Mary, who is Viscountess Lascelles, has retired to Newmarket.



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As John D. Rockefeller, Jr., landed in New York after a tour of Europe, his father, the venerable oil king, arrived at Daytona, Fla., for the winter. As the years drift by the remarkable resemblance of the son to the father grows more striking.



Balto, dog hero of the mad rush across the Alaska snows last winter, with serum to stave off Nome, with his master, Gunnar Kasson, saw the statue in his likeness erected in Central Park, N.Y.



The former Crown Prince of Austria-Hungary, taking the picture of his brothers and sisters, in their refuge in Madrid.

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Queen Mary's Gallery.

Those who have often wondered what Queen Mary does with all the pictures she buys will have been interested to hear that her Majesty sent a flower piece to a Bournville bazaar. Queen Mary has a special gallery at Buckingham Palace where the pictures and other objects of art which she buys to use as gifts are displayed (says an "Evening Standard" writer). When a gift is required it can be selected quickly from the gallery. The Queen has a remarkably good memory for her purchases and rarely forgets having bought even a trivial object.

Hot and Cold Meteorites.

Meteorites, those mysterious visitants from the sky, which are the debris of the "shooting stars," that occasionally hum across the heavens, are continually falling somewhere on the surface of the earth. We find in the reports issued by the National Museum at Washington two interesting accounts of meteorites, the fall of which was actually observed by trustworthy witnesses. The largest of them fell near Colby, Wisconsin, on July 4, 1917. It

weighed something like one hundred and fifty pounds, but when it reached the ground it struck upon a protruding rock, and was shattered into more than twenty pieces. Such was the force of its impact that the largest fragment, which weighed nearly twenty-three pounds, buried itself five feet in the stiff clay soil. Fortunately meteorites usually fall in the open country. Imagine what would happen if such a mass, at such a speed, should fall into a crowded city street; yet that is clearly possible, remarks "The Youth's Companion." At the same time another smaller piece, perhaps half the size of the other, fell into a cultivated field close by, without breaking. It buried itself at least two feet. The man who saw it fall and dug it from the ground declared that it was so cold that frost formed upon it when it was exposed to the air.

Ghost in Church.

The following strange story, from a Glasgow correspondent, was published in a London paper:—Weird happenings which are said to have occurred at night in a Falkirk church have given much concern to the church officer and organist. Both say they have seen the ghost of a church officer, long since dead. The present officer declared that when alone in the church at night, he has frequently heard the shuffling of feet and the sound of a yawn, both of which were peculiar to his predecessor. The organist asserts that one night, when alone in the church, he heard a voice in a weary tone exclaim, "Och, Aye." He hurried to the switchboard, shouting, "Who's there?" But after putting on all the lights he could detect no one. On another evening, the organist says, his attention was directed to the gallery, where he distinctly observed an old man shuffling with weary gait. Despite a minute search, however, no trace of anyone could be found.

When the news of these happenings leaked out, a member of the congregation reported that during the war, when soldiers were accommodated in the church, he entered one night, to be confronted by a scared-looking Tommy holding grimly to his rifle with bayonet fixed. All the soldiers were searching feverishly in dark corners for someone whom they declared they had heard moving about, but could not see.

Modern Map Making.

Captain J. G. Withycombe, who read a paper at the British Association meeting at Southampton on "Recent Productions of the Ordnance Survey," regretted that cartographers had neglected the artistic aspect of map making of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, says "Engineering." In the Ordnance Survey the tradition of the old engravers had been preserved to some extent, and the sheets of the 1-inch map still had an aesthetic appeal. The engraved script of the sixteenth century had at first retained the character of the reed-pen writing; but by the end of the eighteenth century that character was entirely changed. The early 1-in. sheets of about 100 years ago were printed directly from the engraved copper plates. The introduction of lithography revolutionised everything; the demand for coloured maps became insistent. Transfers were pulled from the copper-plates, and laid down on stones or zinc plates, and the present 1-in. map was produced by a compromise between engraving and the newer process. The advantage of the copper-plate was that it constituted a permanent record upon which alterations and additions could be made. But perfect register was difficult to obtain, much of the fine work was lost, and the zinc after transferring, and it was finally decided to draw the map for direct reproduction, by "helio-zincography," which was simple, direct, and cheaper.



JOHN R. PRENTICE

After refusing to pose for a picture, John Rockefeller Prentice, nephew of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was snapped at Yale, where he is working his way through college. He won a \$300 scholarship and works at night as a telephone operator. "A bright boy," said his uncle.

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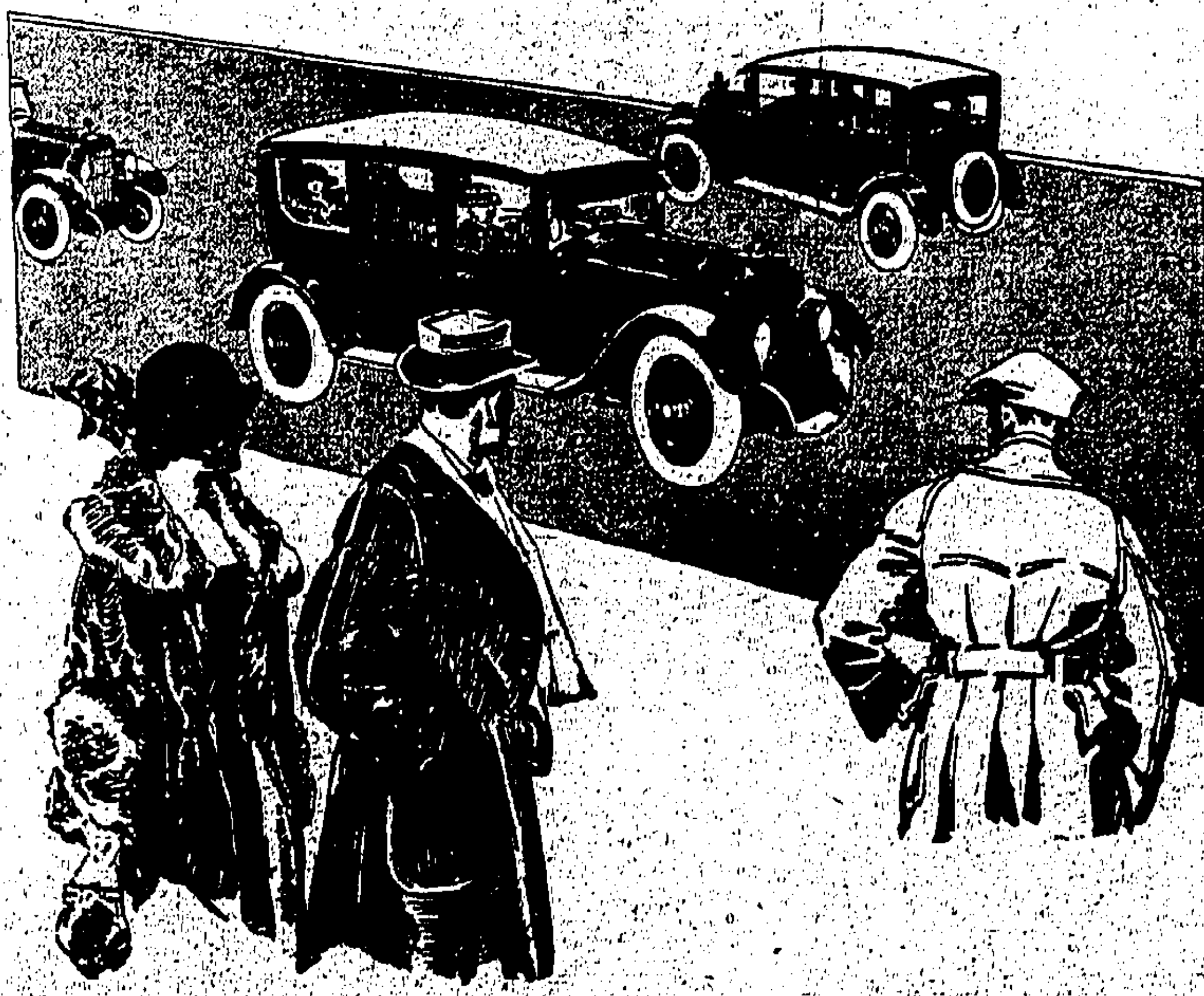
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th February to the 22nd February, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 3rd February, 1926.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Officer Manager, Hongkong, 8th February, 1926.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, February 12th, 1926, to TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors, F. H. CRANFILL, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, February 4th, 1926.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLE-CHASES.

CHINA NEW YEAR MEETING.

MONDAY, February 15th, 1926.

First bell (Saddling bell) 2.40 p.m.

Second bell 2.55 p.m.

Entrance to Subscriber's Enclosure 2.00

Motor cars can park in the Enclosure at 5.00 per car.

Cars arriving after the 2.45 p.m. will not be admitted to Enclosure until after the First Race.

The Masters of the Hunt request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races.

Special EXPRESS train to the Races leaves Kowloon at 1.15 p.m.

First Class (Return) \$1.50

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Buses and motor cars for the Course will meet the train.

Cash Sweepstake Through tickets can now be obtained from Mr. U. Runjinn.

Hongkong, February 9th, 1926.

LOCAL & GENERAL.

CLAN FIGHT.

THE MISFORTUNES OF A PEACEMAKER.

"A BATTERED FACE."

A clan fight in which a number of Ningpo and Cantonese coolies took part at Taikeo yesterday led to the appearance of three of their number before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning on a charge of creating a disturbance.

Divisional Inspector Blackman said that the trouble had been caused by the complainant, who had got the worst of it and was too ill to attend Court. The second defendant, he thought, did not take part in the fight, but went there to stop it.

"Oh, a peacemaker," remarked His Worship, "but that man there (pointing to the first defendant) has a battered face."

All the defendants were bound over.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at 7.30 p.m. left Nagasaki to-day at 8 a.m. and is due at Kobo to-morrow at 7 a.m.

A Chinese boatwoman was found dead in the harbour yesterday with a rope round her neck and several wounds in the head.

Two Punjab soldiers were sentenced to three months' hard labour each at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of larceny and receiving of a wristlet watch.

Two Chinese arrested in connection with an armed robbery at Portland Street were discharged by the Kowloon Magistrate this morning, the prosecution offering no evidence.

The theft of a fountain pen and typewriter, total value \$103, by breaking into the British and Foreign Bible Society, No. 2, Wyndham Street, has been reported to the police.

Trevor Carlyle Phillips, claiming to be of Roumanian parentage, was committed this morning to the House of Detention on a vagrancy charge. Defendant said he was out of work in Shanghai and stowed away from there with the assistance of the crew of a coastal steamer.

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on the premises—

(in the Verandah between the main entrance and the Des Voeux Road entrance)

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AT HOME to all Welsh friends in St. John's Cathedral Hall, on THURSDAY, 11th February, 1926, at 5.45 p.m.

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